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A communication disorder...

For example ...

...that you don't ***want*** to communicate.

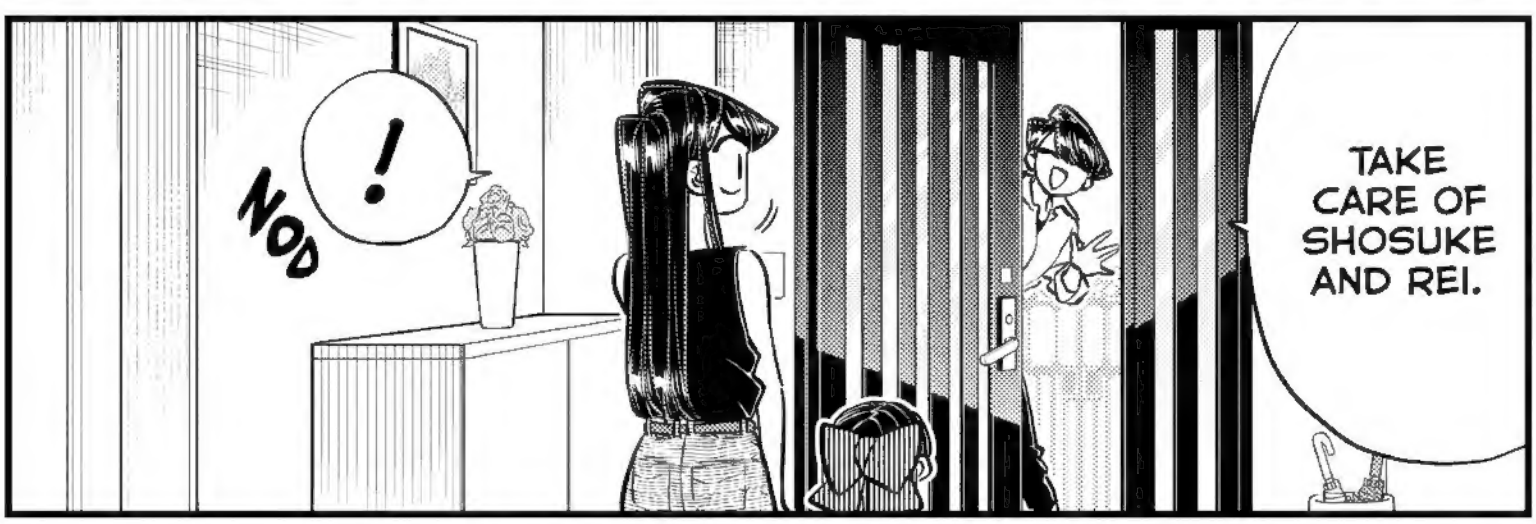
...makes communicating difficult, but it doesn't necessarily mean...

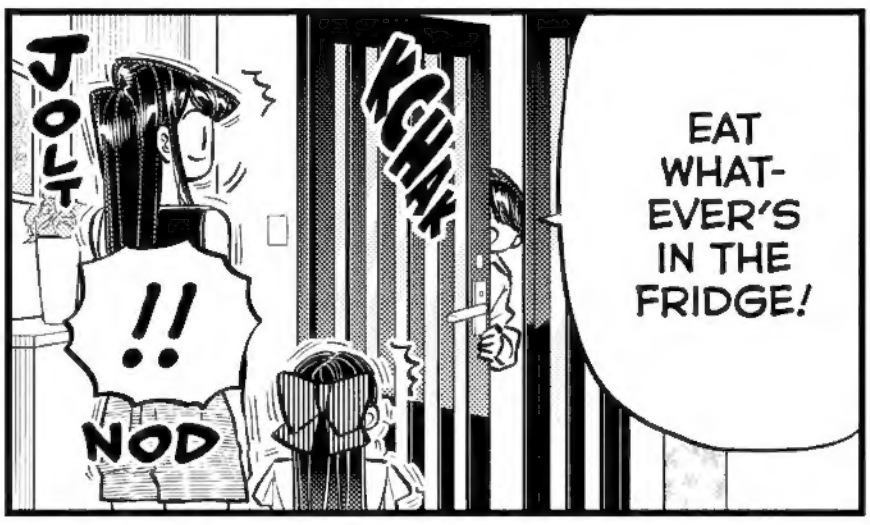
...might cause someone to decide that communicating isn't worth it.

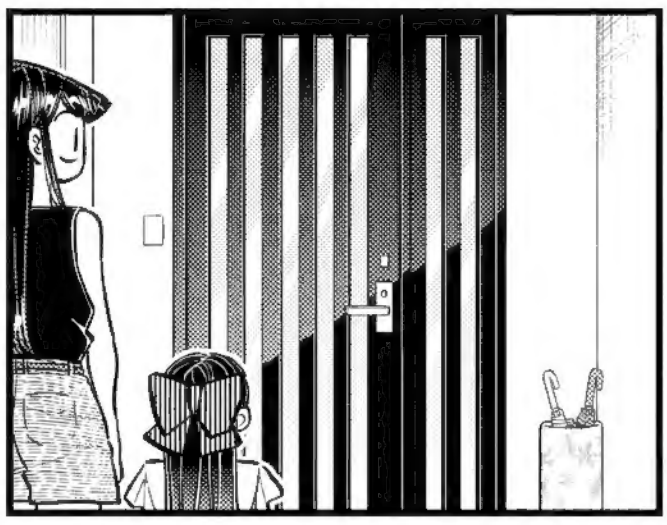
...the stress and sadness caused by struggling to relate to others...

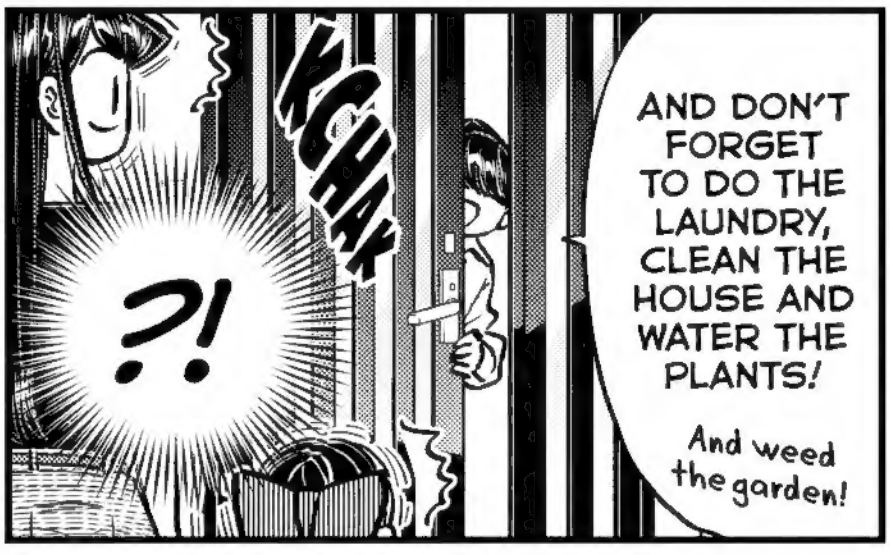
That is another form of communication disorder.

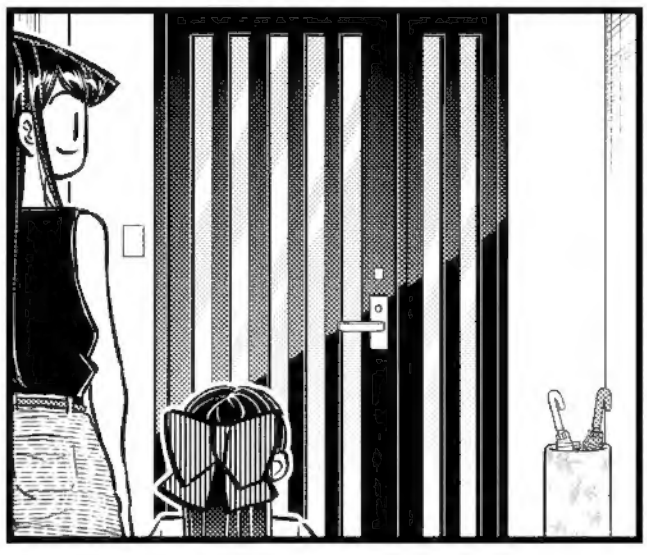
Communication 171: While Mother Is Out

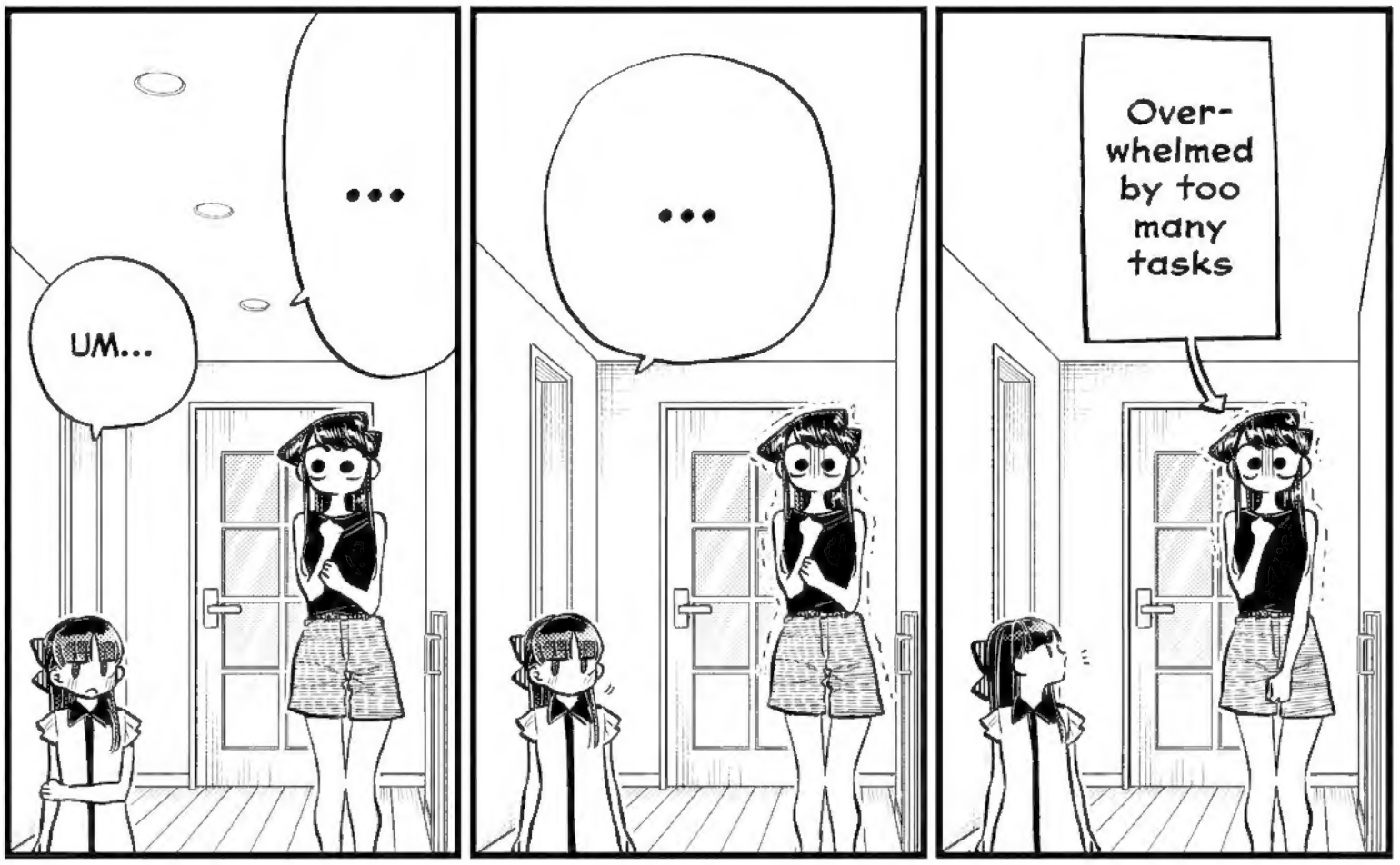


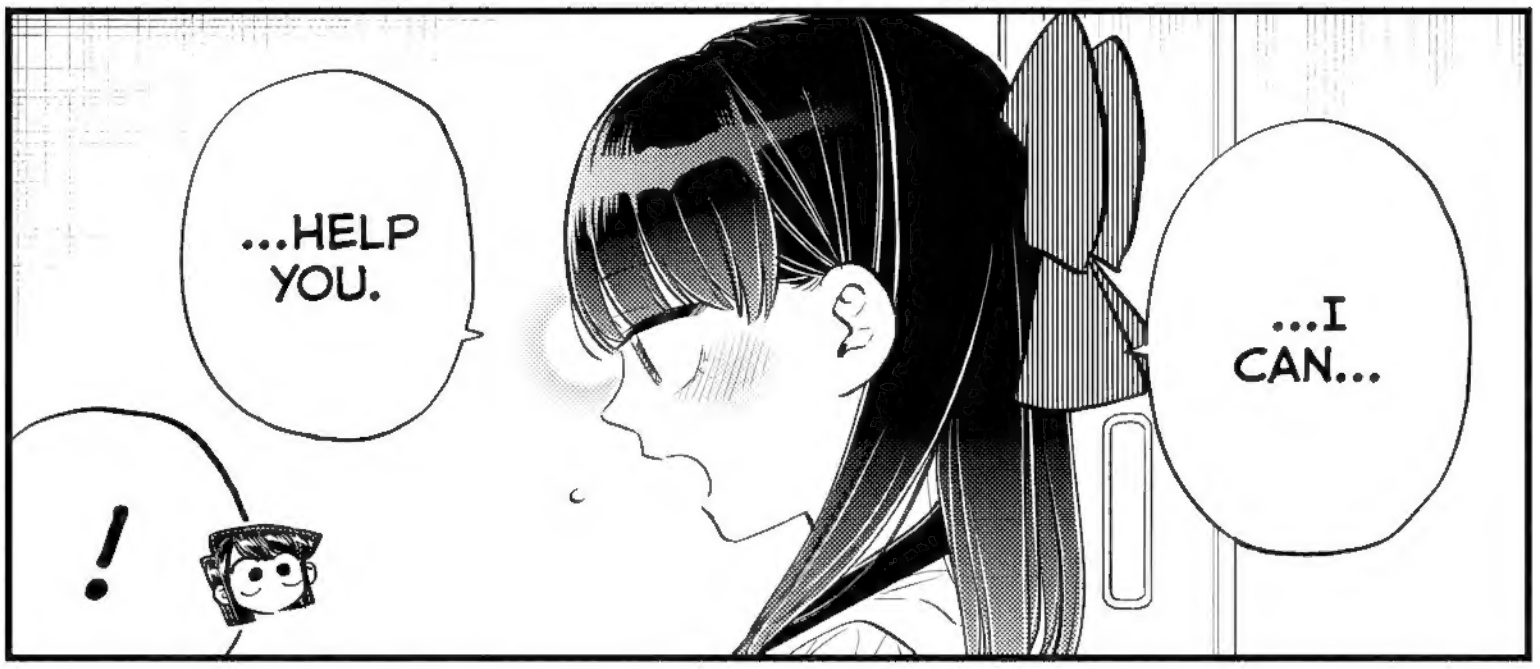




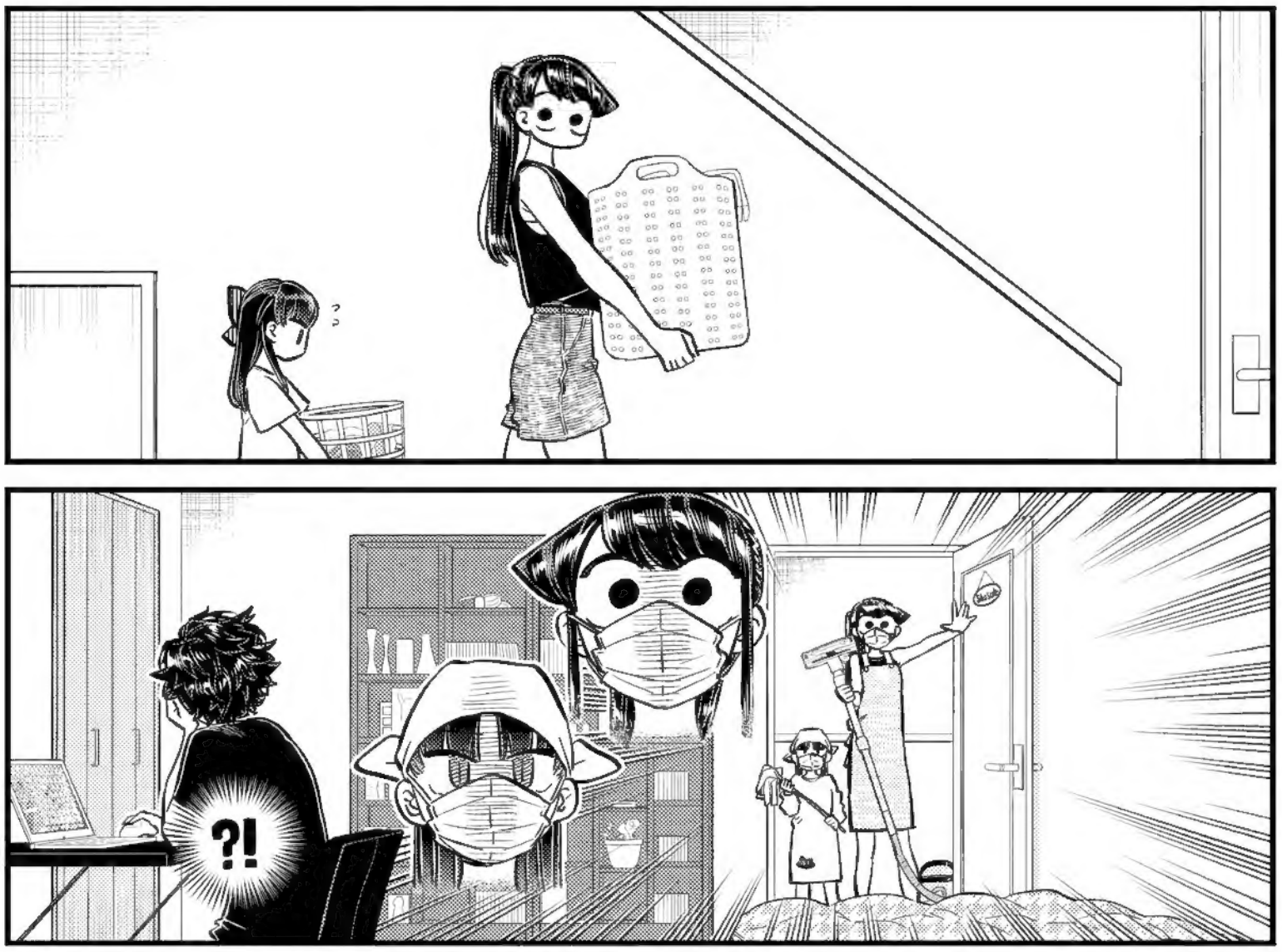





...
UM...
...
Over-whelmed by too many tasks


...HELP YOU.
!
...I CAN...

HMPH


?!

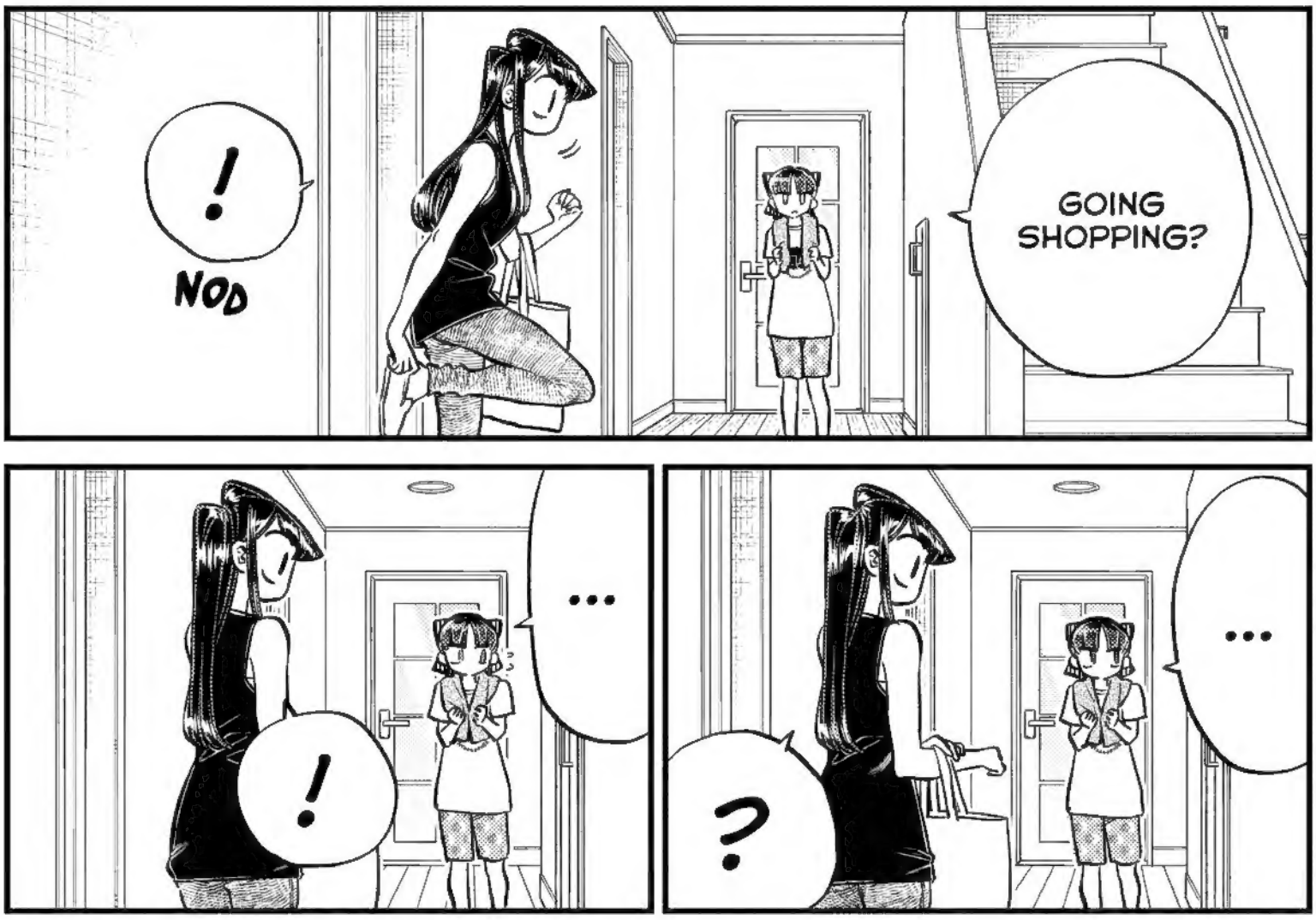
Cicada

NOTHING IN THE FRIDGE

Shocked by this turn of events

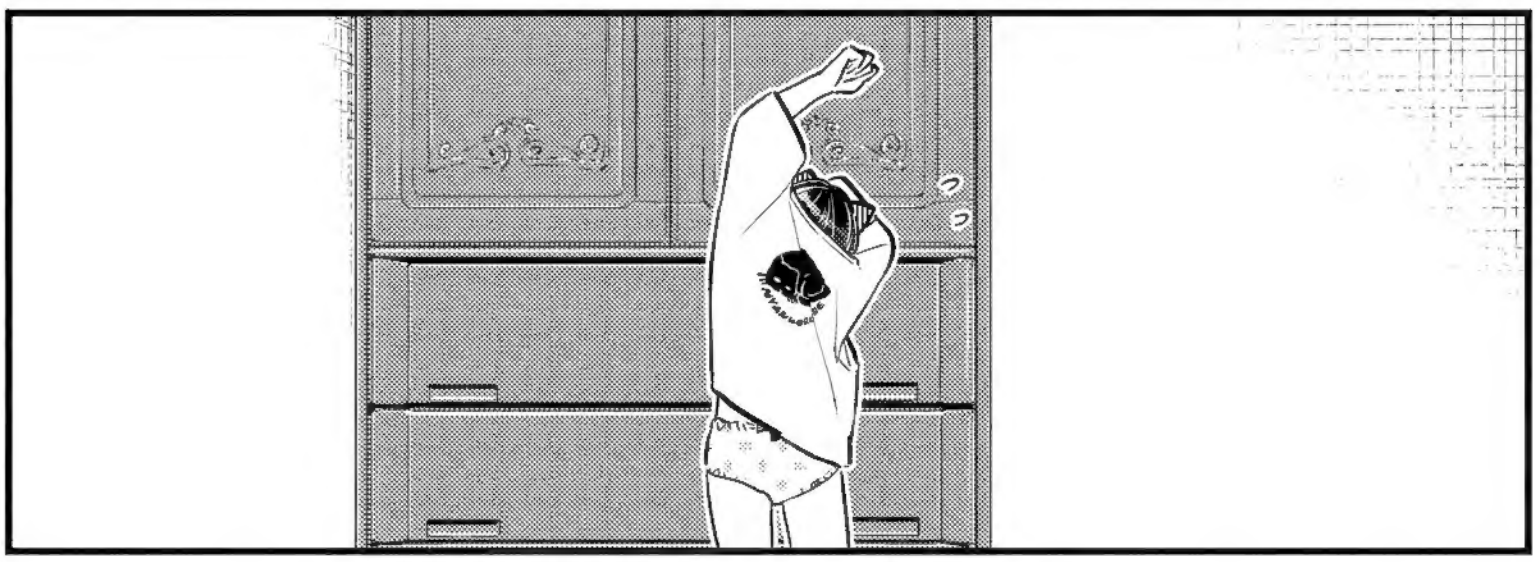
...

EAT WHATEVER'S IN THE FRIDGE!


!
NOD
GOING SHOPPING?
...
!
...
?

...ANT TO COME?
!
W...
?!
!
END
NO.

!
OKAY, I'LL GO.



TH-
THANKS
FOR
WAITING.

W-WHAT'S
WRONG?!

SWIP

!

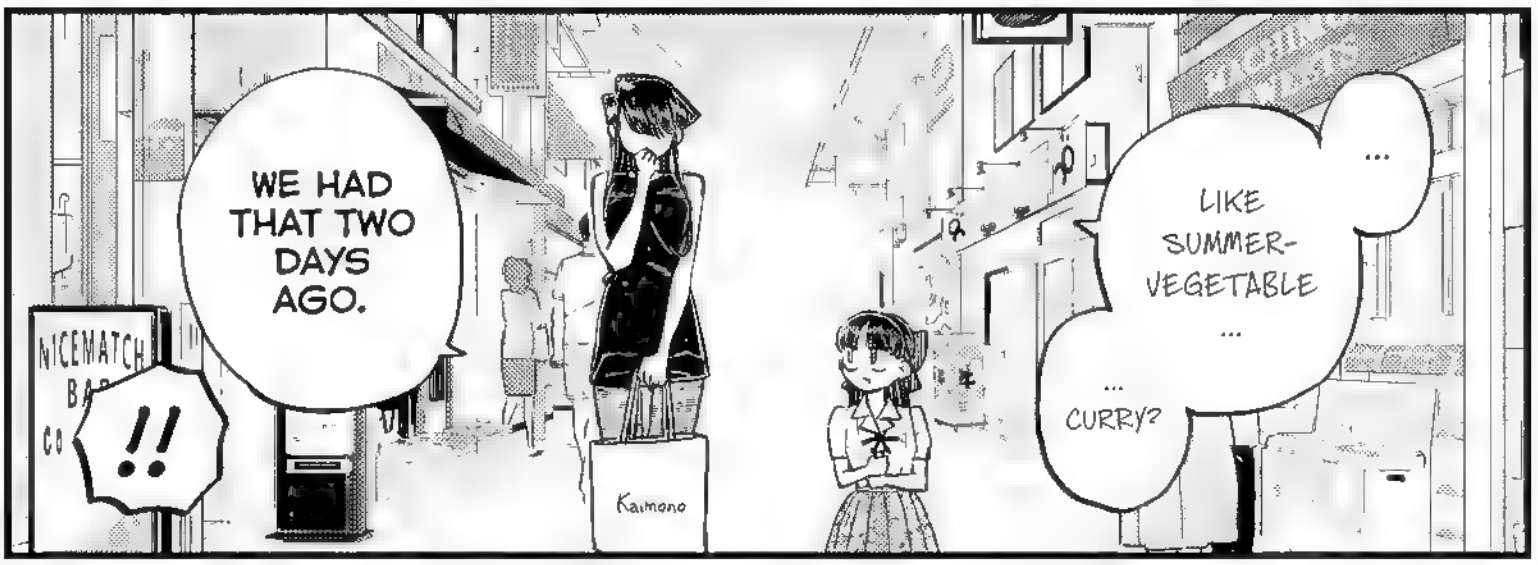
COME
ON, TELL
ME!

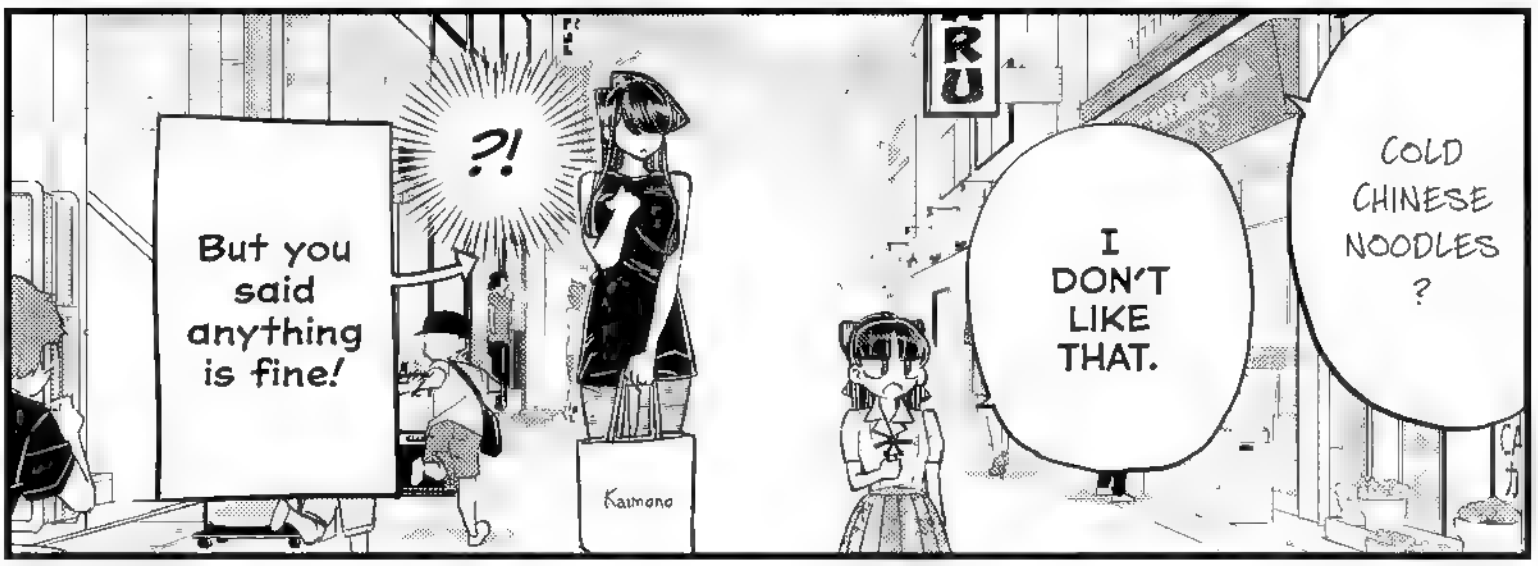
BLU SHHH

What pretty sisters!
Wow...
W-what's happening?!
TIAN STREET
How cute!
PHARMACY

!
Has no plan
Kaimono
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE?
ANYTHING IS FINE.
!!
Kaimono
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT?

HMMMMMMMM
...
...
Kaimono
!
2F
Kaimono
MAYBE... SOMETHING SEASONAL?


WE HAD THAT TWO DAYS AGO.
!!
NICEMATCH
Kaimono
...
LIKE SUMMER-VEGETABLE
...
...
CURRY?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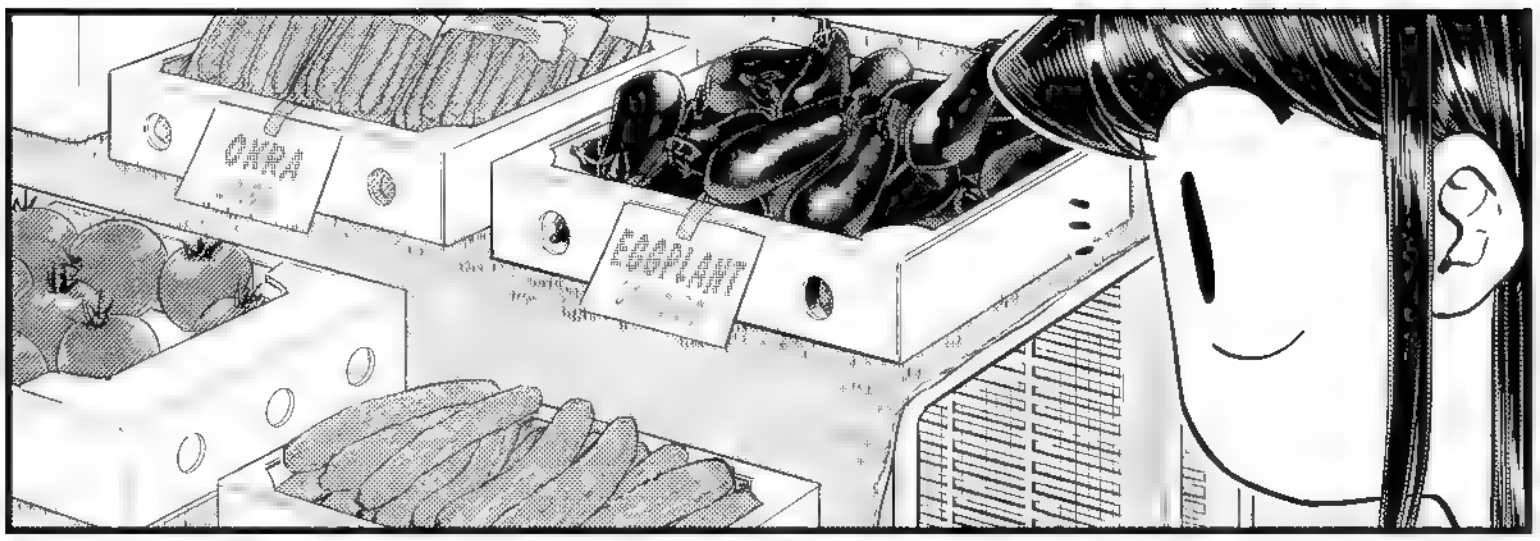
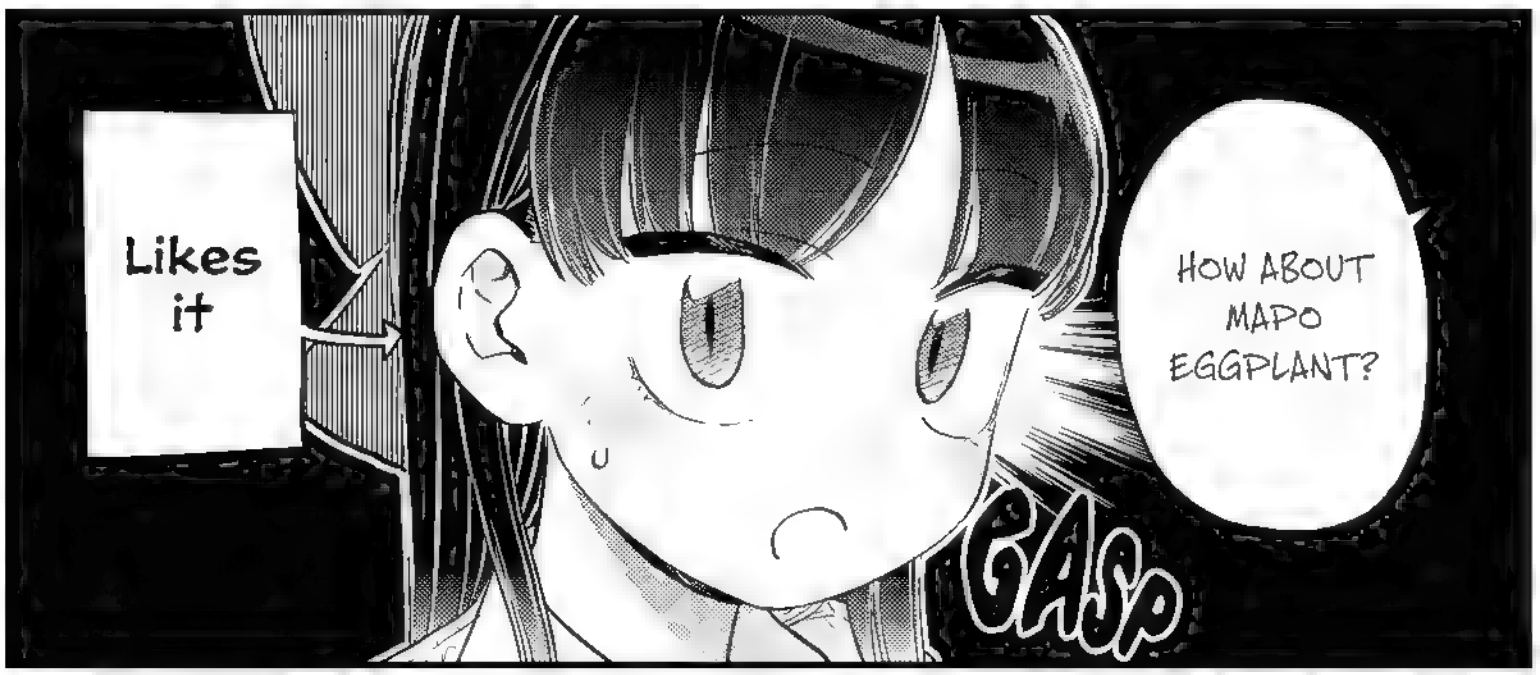
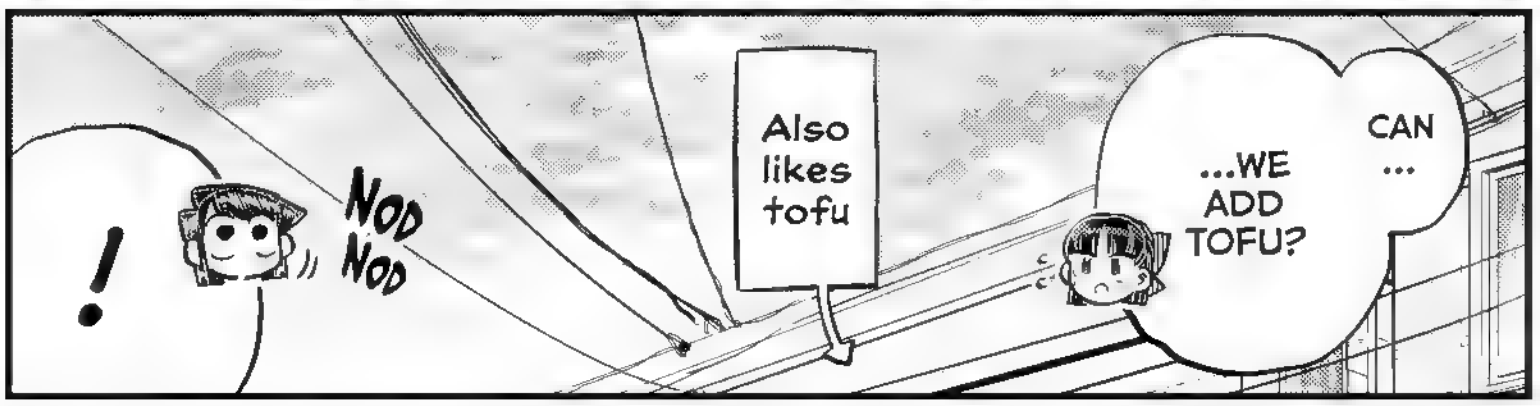
But you said anything is fine!
Kaimono
I DON'T LIKE THAT.
COLD CHINESE NOODLES ?


OKRA
EGGPLANT

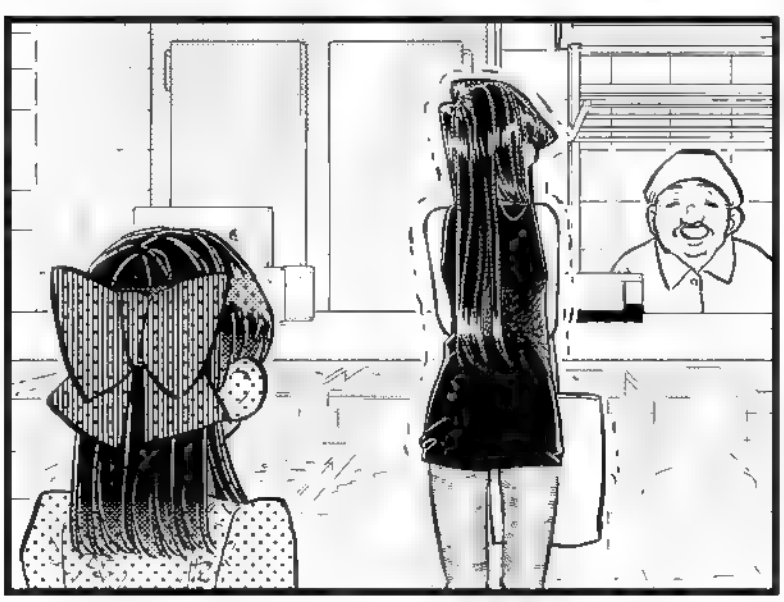

Likes it
HOW ABOUT MAPO EGGPLANT?
GASP

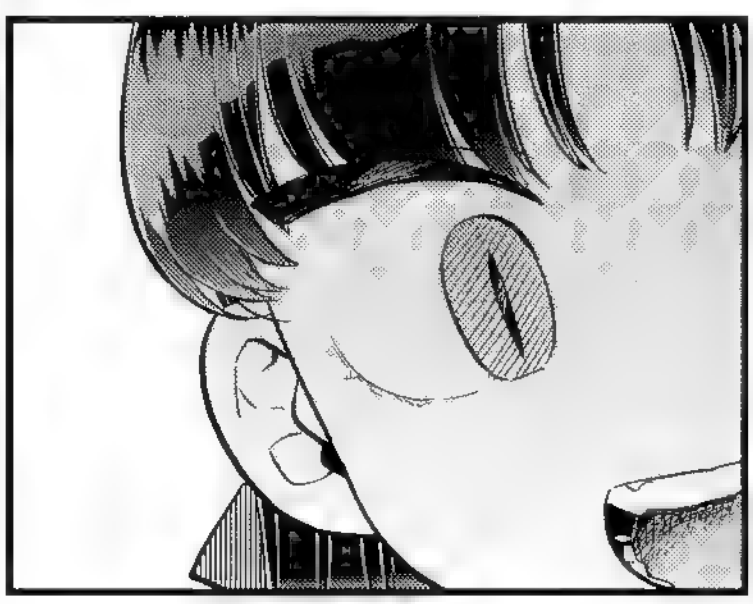

!
NOD NOD
Also likes tofu
...WE ADD TOFU?
CAN ...

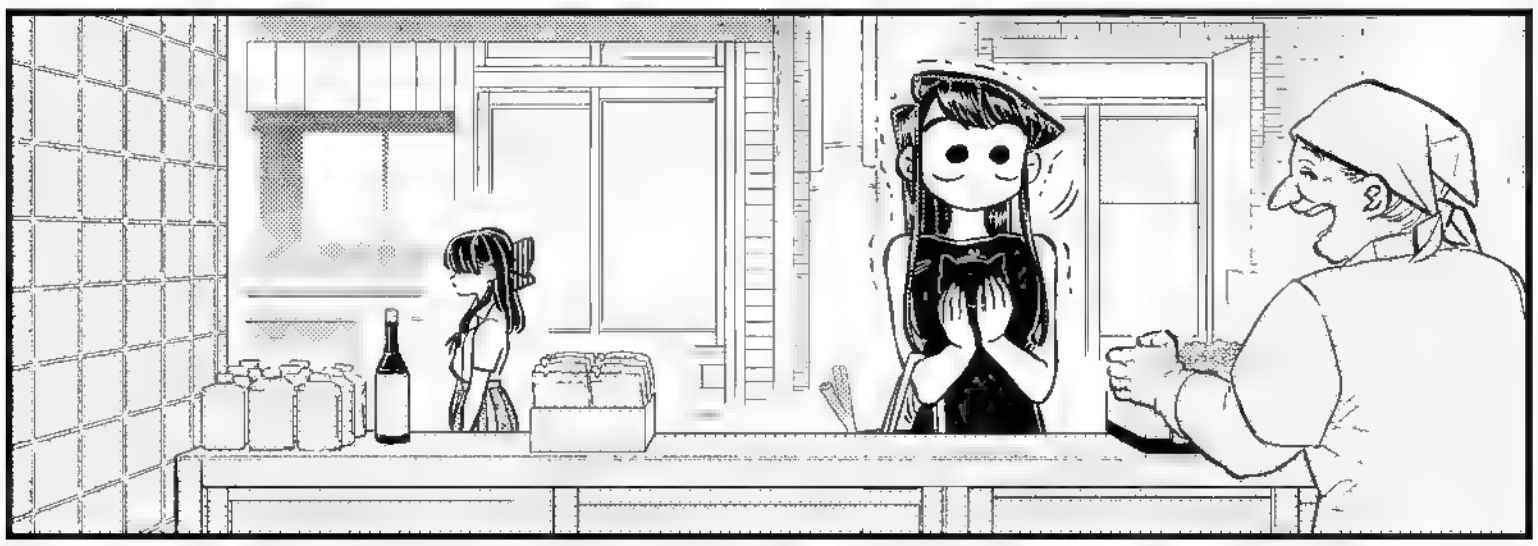
HMM
Mapo eggplant and tofu!
It's decided!

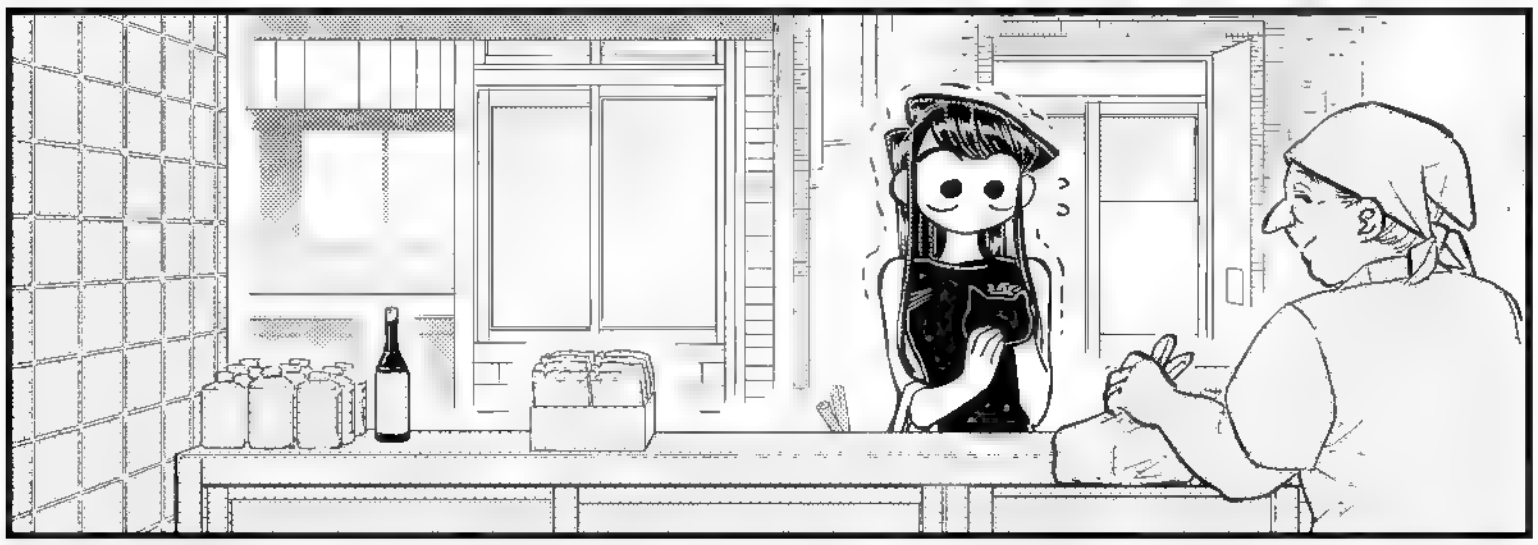
?!
NO, THANK YOU.
SHOPPING WITH YOUR OLDER SISTER? WANT A TREAT?

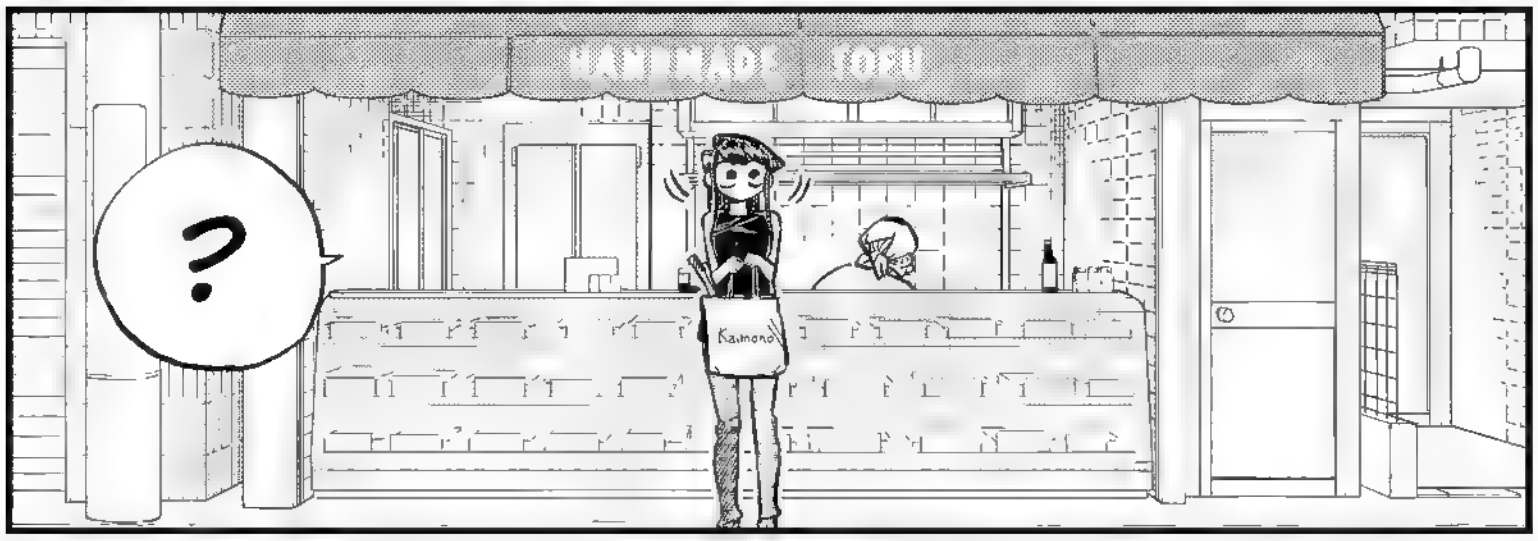
HEY, SHOKO!
THERE'S A TOFU SHOP!

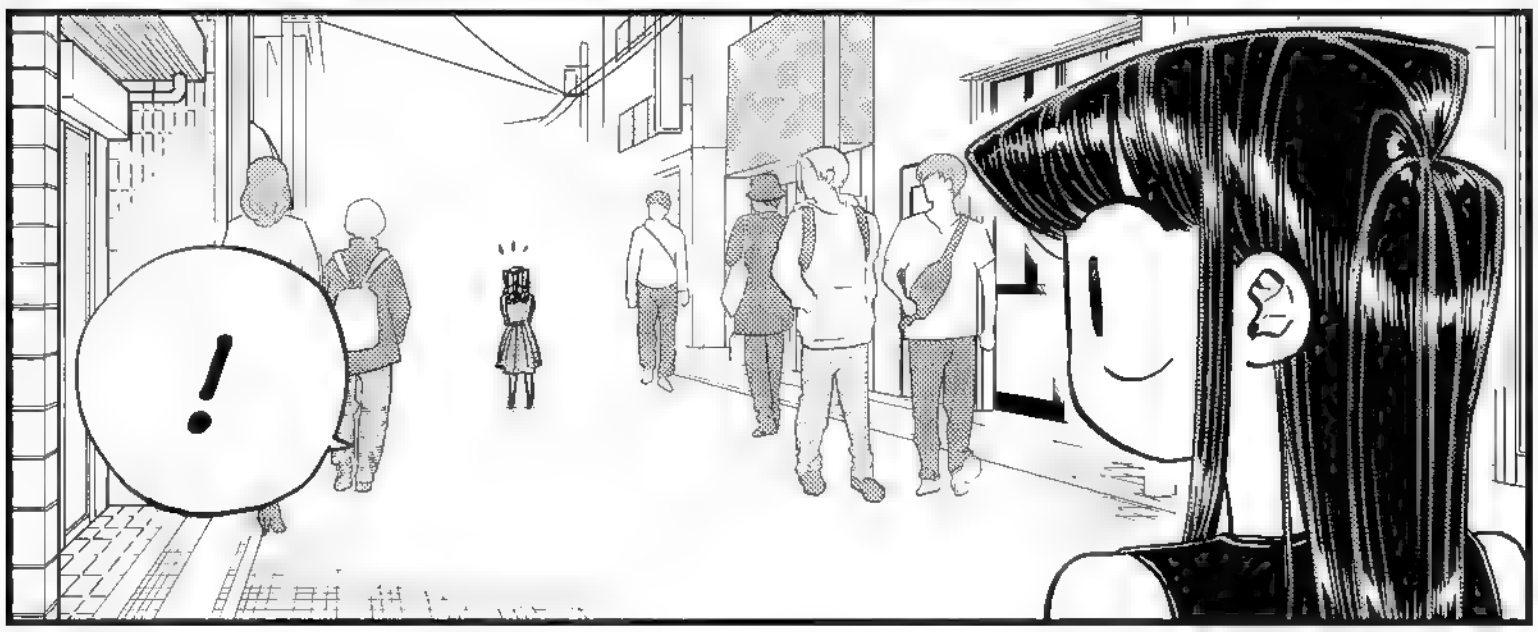









HANDMADE TOFU
?
Kamono


!

TMP
TMP
TMP
Kaimono
WHSH
?!
SHIMP
?
?
16

DON'T TOUCH ME!!

HUFF
HUFF

What happened?
Are they quarreling?
...TO GET CLOSE TO ANYONE !!
I..
... DON'T WANT...

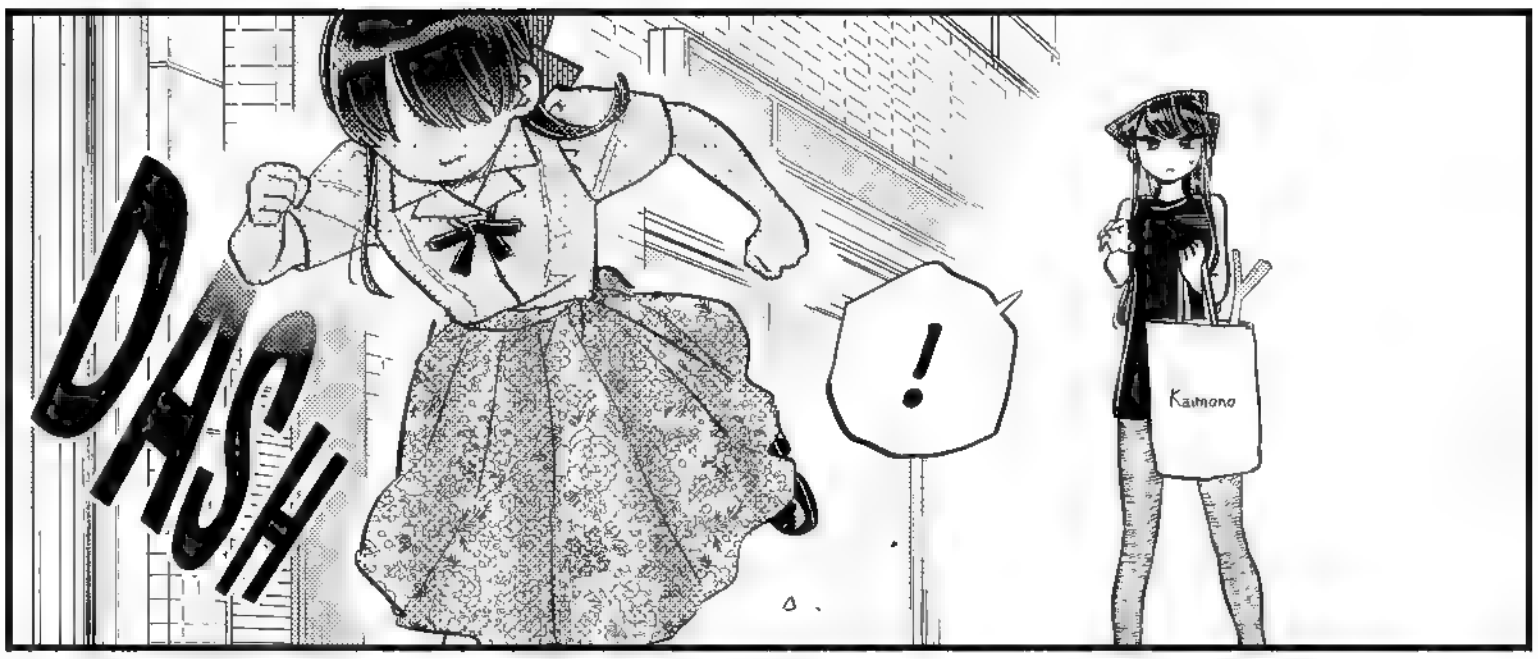
GRIP

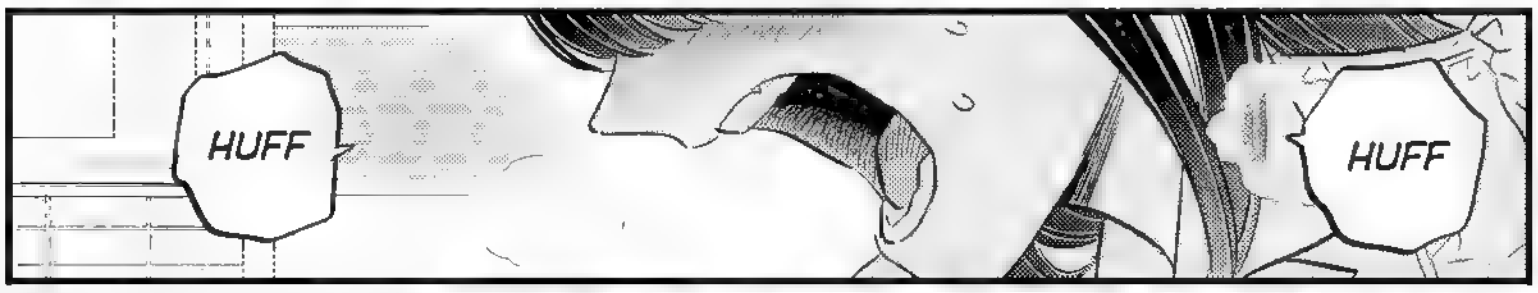
I DON'T WANT THIS ANY-MORE!

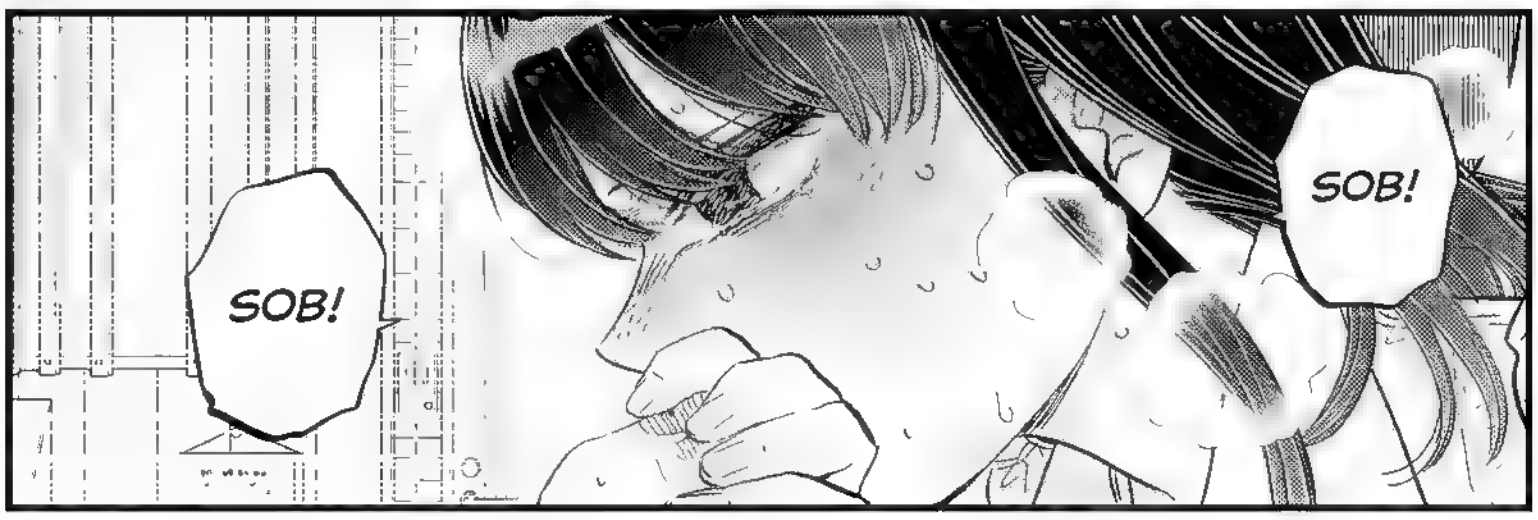
...!

TMP

WAP
Kaimono
LET GO OF ME!!







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HUFF
HUFF

HUFF
MMF!

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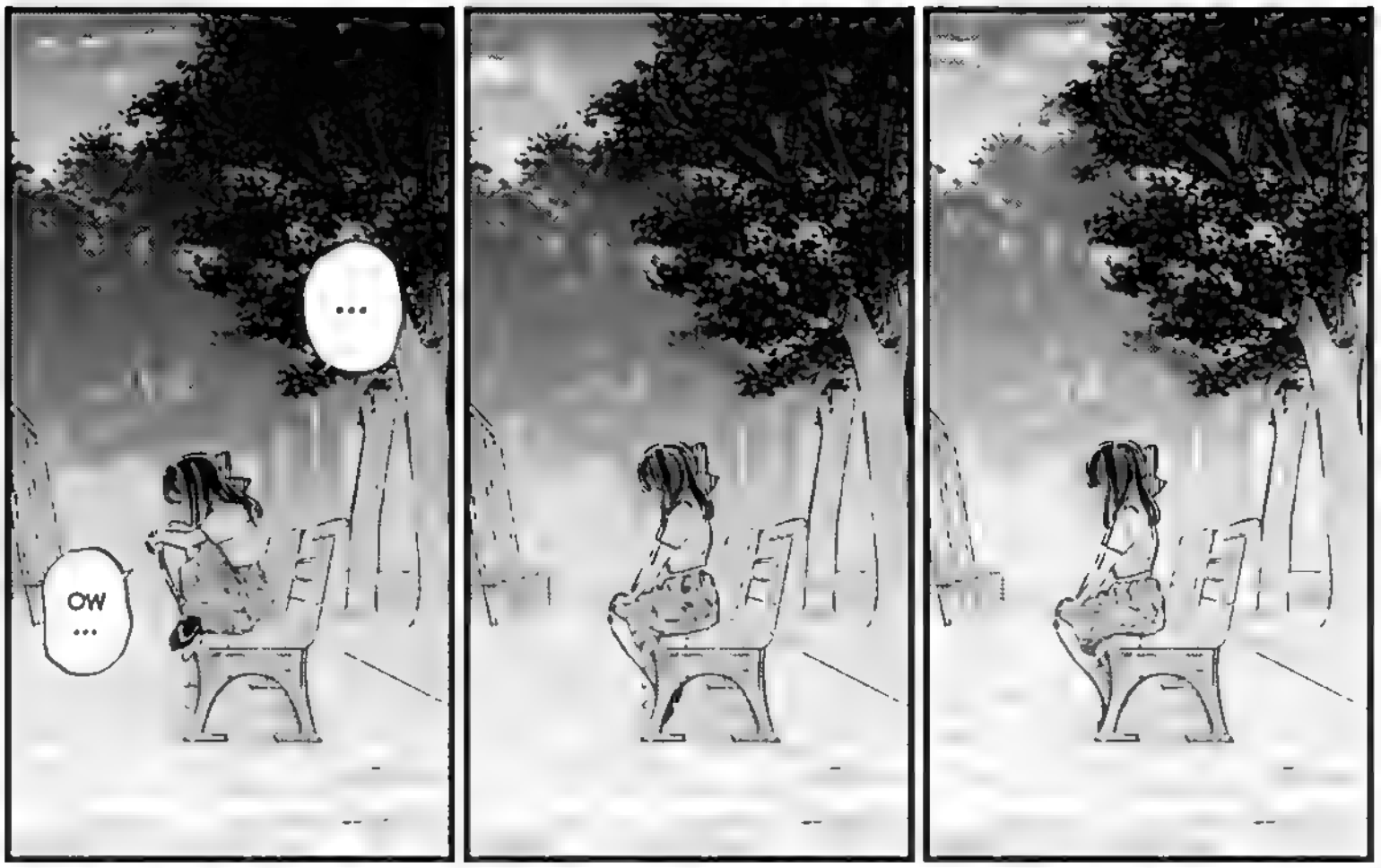
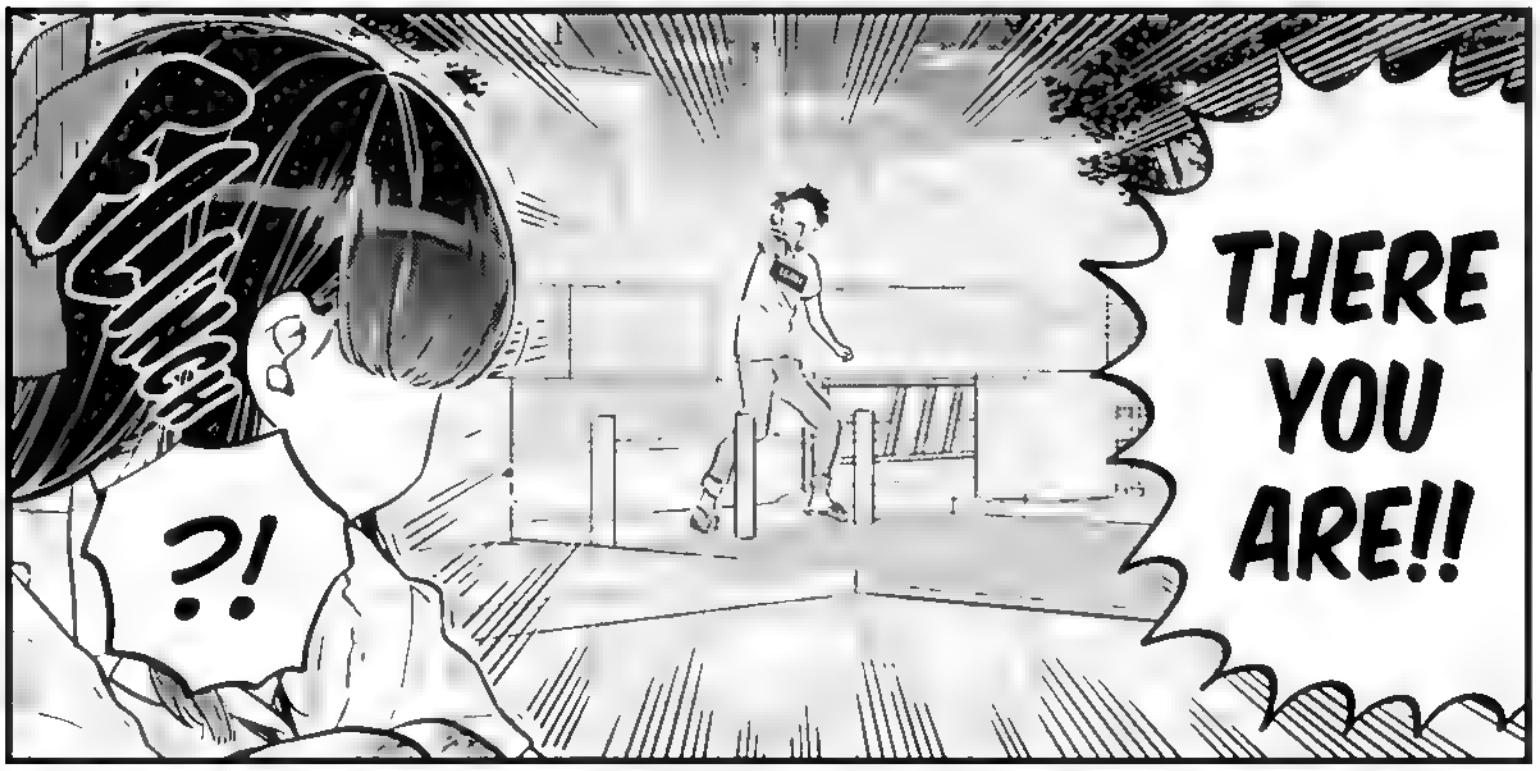
Communication 172: Rei

!
STUB
GWUMP
...

CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
SQSHHH


...
OW ...


?!
THERE YOU ARE!!

WHO'S THAT?!
PADUMMM

FWOOOSH

?!

?!

Agh!!

I FOUND YOU...

?!

?!

THERE SHE IS!

HEY, THERE SHE IS!

?!

That's her!

There she is!

?!

?!

?!

TROMP

AAA AAA AHH!

UG

Yaa Aah !!

Gotcha!

GRAB

!!

NAJIMI! YOU FOUND HER?!

DON'T STRUG-GLE!

FWOP

KICK

NO, DON'T!

FLOP

KICK

...!

!
FLIP
?
READY TO GO HOME?
WE'LL GO WITH YOU.

I DON'T WANNA.

NO.

KYA AAH!!

?!

Up you go!!

...

Let me down!

Put me down!

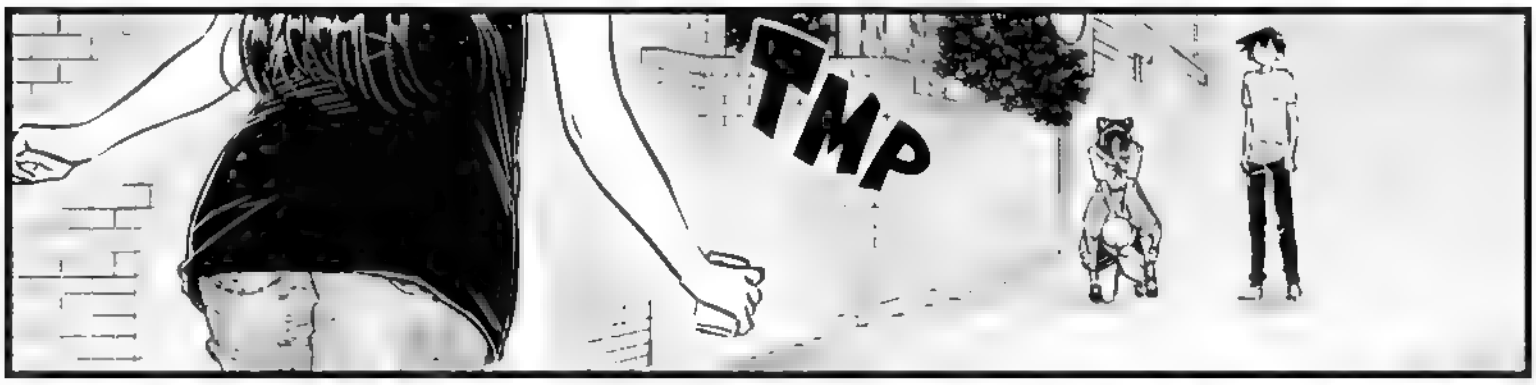
No problem!

THANKS, EVERY-ONE!

Najimi mobilized them.

HEEEY!

!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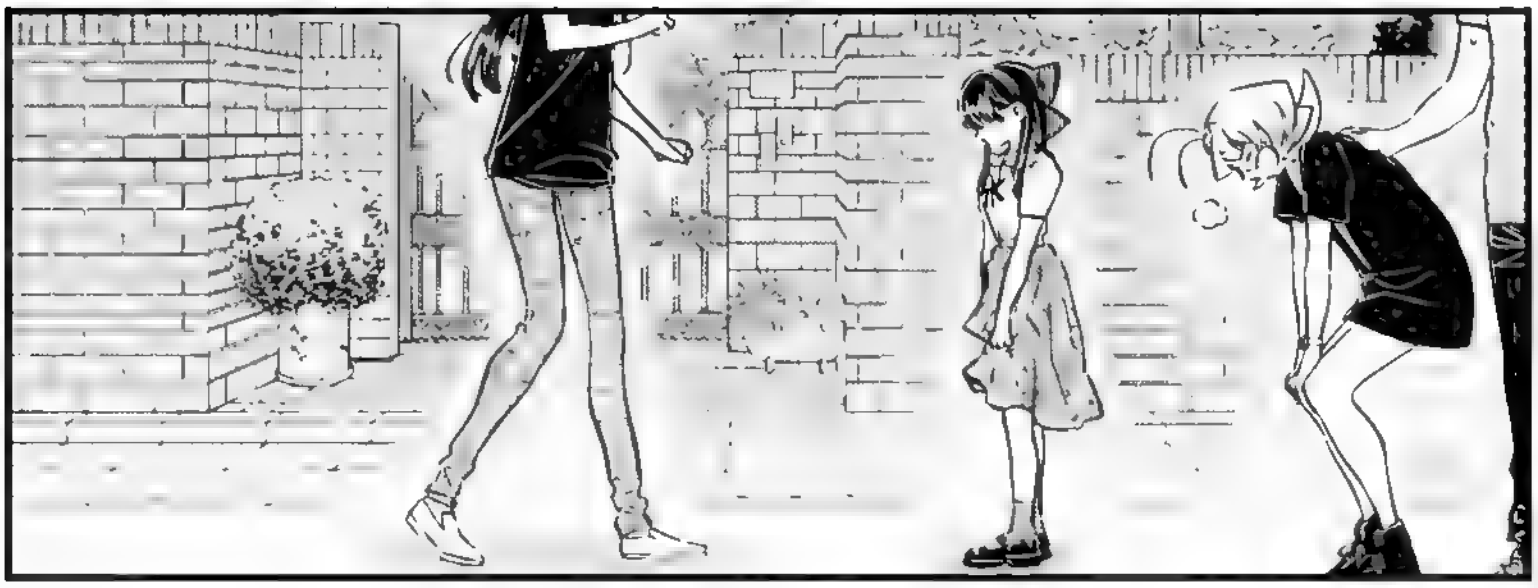


I...
I'M SORRY.

!!
WHAT FOR?
...

...TO MAKE YOU RUN AWAY...

...RIGHT?

I...

I MUST HAVE DONE SOME-THING...

...I ASKED FOR HELP.

I COULDN'T FIND YOU...

...SO...

...I'M SORRY.

THAT PROBABLY SCARED YOU...

...SO...

NO, YOU'RE WRONG.

...SO I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO KEEP ANY FRIENDS.

I'VE ALWAYS MOVED AROUND A LOT, EVER SINCE KINDER-GARTEN ...

THERE'S NO POINT GETTING CLOSE TO ANYONE.

I ALWAYS LEAVE THEM.

...SO I DON'T TALK AND I NEVER SMILE.

FWIP

DASH

I DECIDED NOT TO MAKE FRIENDS ...

...BUT THAT'S ALL.

THAT MAKES IT EASIER. I STILL MISS MY PARENTS ...

...W-
WHY...

SO...

...ARE YOU TRYING TO BE CLOSE ME?!

...BUT *YOU'RE* APOLO-GIZING TO *ME*?!

I'M SUCH AN AWFUL BRAT...

HUG
!

DO YOU HATE...
...THE PEOPLE YOU'VE MET?
...!

NO!

OF COURSE NOT!!

WAAAH WAAAH

THEN...

...I STILL WANT...

...TO BE YOUR FRIEND ...

...REI.

?!

WAAA AHHH !!!

BWAAAH

BUT I JUST TOLD YOU I DON'T WANNA!!!

AAH

AAAAAH

WAAAAH

ARRRGH

TA DUM

...LET'S EAT.

OKAY...

CLATTER

I MADE YOU WORRY ...

..AND ...

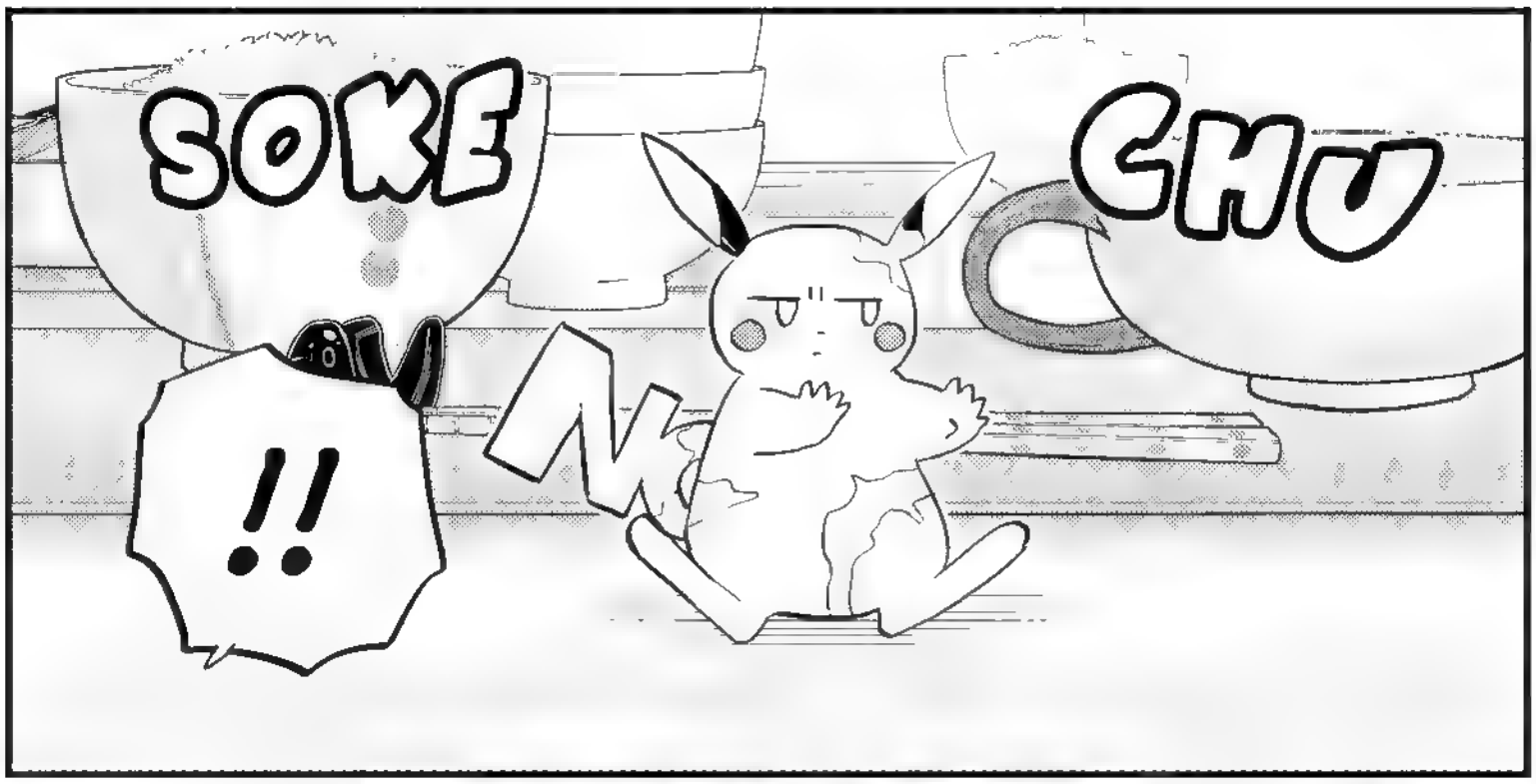
...I BROKE SOKE-CHU.

SORRY ...

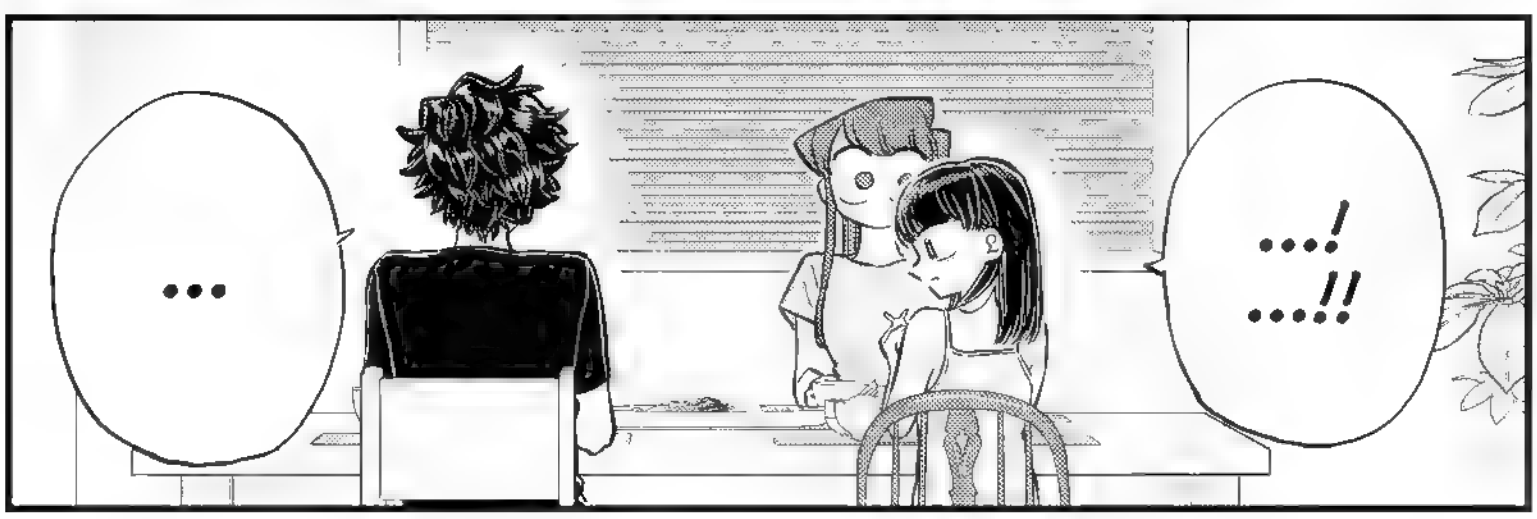
...FOR RUNNING AWAY.

?

TUNK


SOKE
CHU
!!

...
OH!
YOU FIXED IT?!


...
...!
...!!

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RATTLE
CLATTER
...
TH-THANK YOU!
So shiny you can hear it gleaming!
WOW!
RATTLE
CLATTER
HE'S WEIRD.
RATTLE
CLATTER
SWOOSH
BOW

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WHAT A WEIRD GUY!

STAAAARE

Suddenly interested in him

Communication 173: Following Rei

?!

Started building a tower

TA DAH

It took him 30 seconds.

?!

Then he destroyed it.

KA FLUTTER

SWAT

?!

?!

?!

?!

Now he's making ▫ violin.

?!

Namu Amida Butsu

Engraving ▫ Buddhist prayer into a grain of rice

?!

Assembled the equipment moments ago

Muscle training

?!

IN

OUT

Takes off one black shirt and puts on another

TUMP

!!

TUMP
TUMP

Hey! Wanna be a model ?!

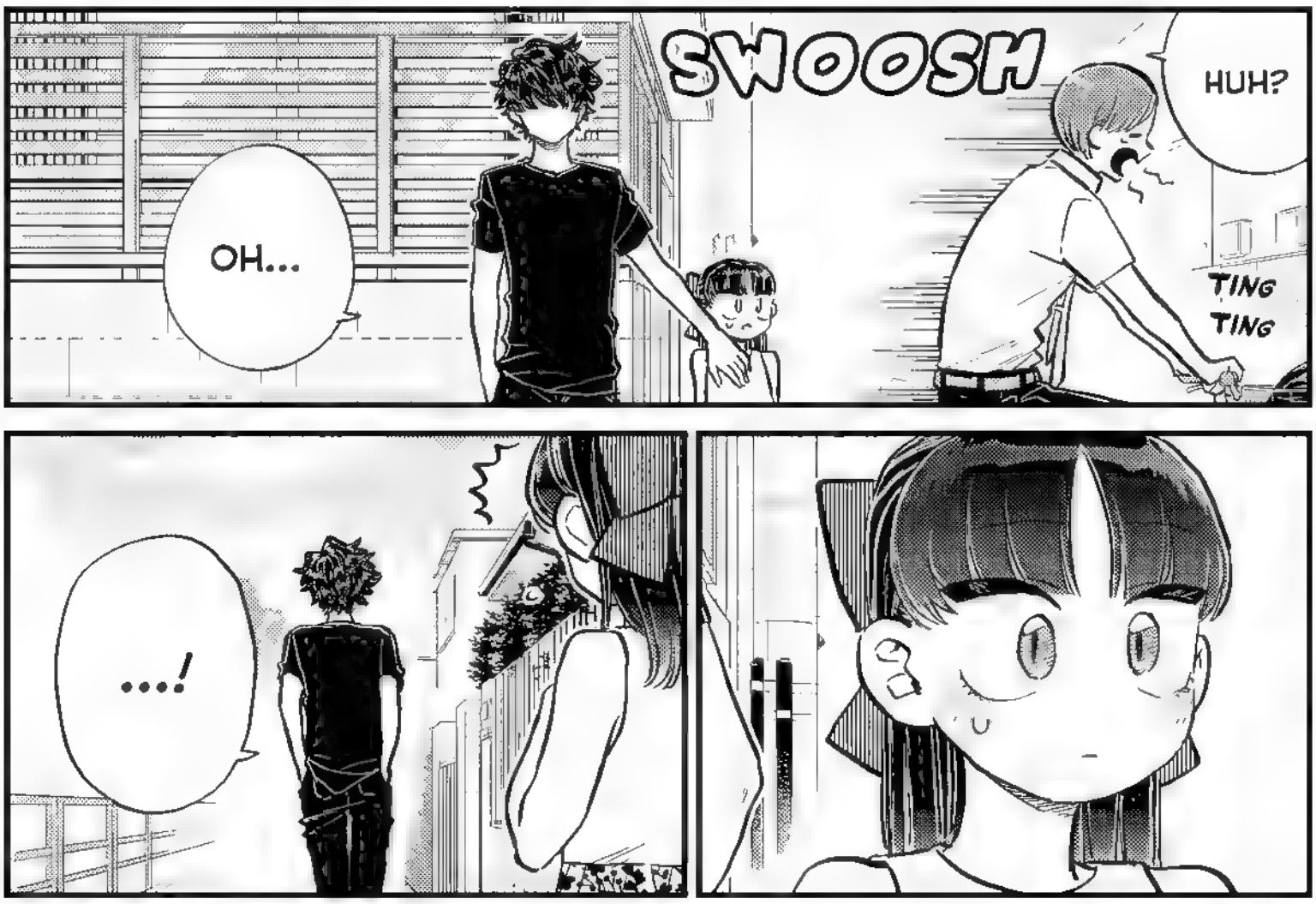
Huh? No?

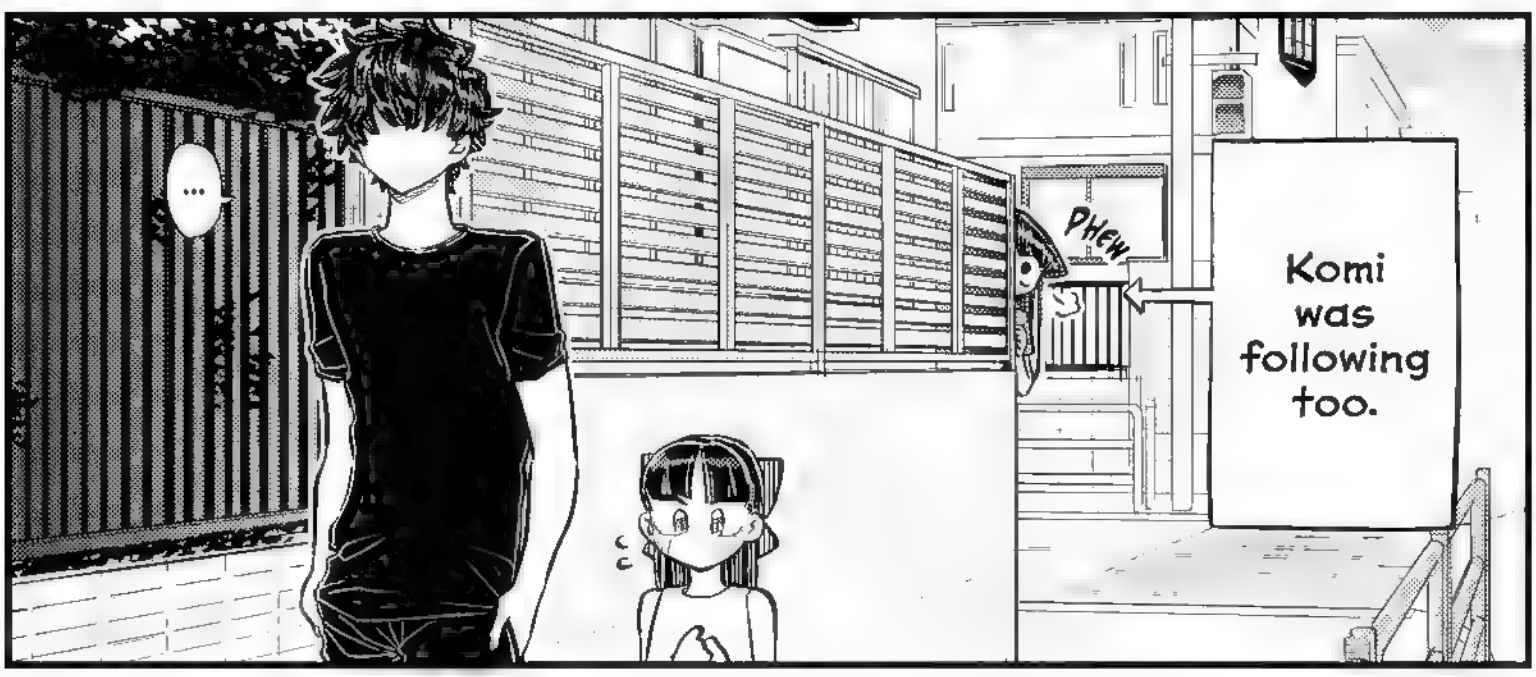
Hello?

2F

KOMEMURA CO.

SWIP
!
!!





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PM

I'M READY FOR BATTLE!

PER-FECT!

MM

MUMA

GUMMY APPLE

Panglis SOUR CREAM & ONION

LIGHT SALT FLAVOR

EXPLOSIVE FLAVOR

MWA HA HA...

SWUP

GWAA

TIME TO HIT THE BATTLE-FIELD!!

Communication 174: Nakanaka's Grand Summer Day

8:00 p.m.
I'M A LONE WOLF!
WHO D'YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKIN' TO?!
WHAT? YOU WANNA VOICE CHAT?
8:04 p.m
Joined voice chat
UH... NOPE!
AM I WITH ANY FRIENDS ?
YEAH, UH-HUH.
GOT IT.
UH-HUH...
OH, RIGHT.
HELLO ?
YEAH, NICE TO MEET YOU.
10:30 p.m.
Can't join the conver-sation, so she laughs to make her presence known
HA HA...
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
12:00 a.m.
Voice chat ended
WAIT JUST A-
NO, WAIT ...
UM, NO.
UH-HUH, UH-HUH...
YEAH, THANKS TO YOU TOO,

1:35 a.m

She's been muttering like this for one hour.

Actually, they were good.

I prefer playing alone anyway.

THEY WERE THE PERFECT HANDI-CAP!

MWA HA HA... I TOTALLY LED THOSE NOOBS.

!

GROWWL

2:12 a.m.

EMP

...

TY

GASP

THE NIGHT IS CALLING ME!

*Night = convenience store.

...

SWING
SWING

...IT GUESS IT RAINED?

I DIDN'T NOTICE, BUT...

...

GLANCE

GLANCE

GLANCE

...

CLANG!

SLASH!!

SWISH!

SLASH!

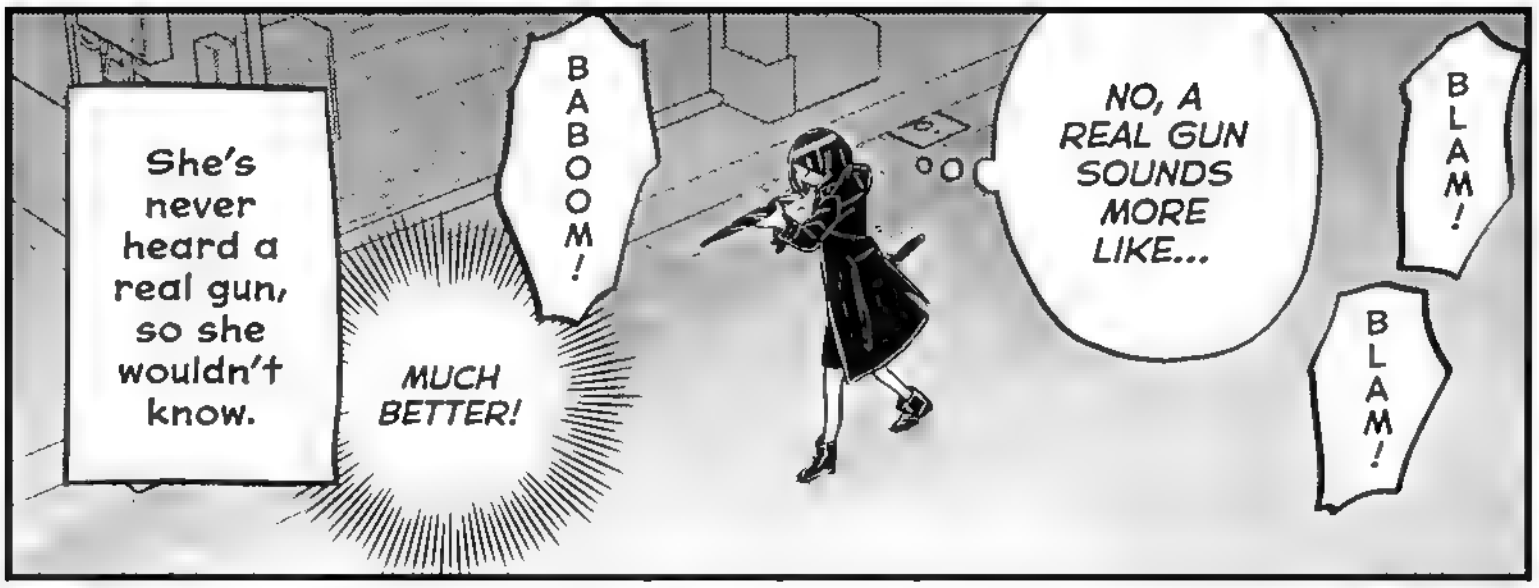
BLAM!!

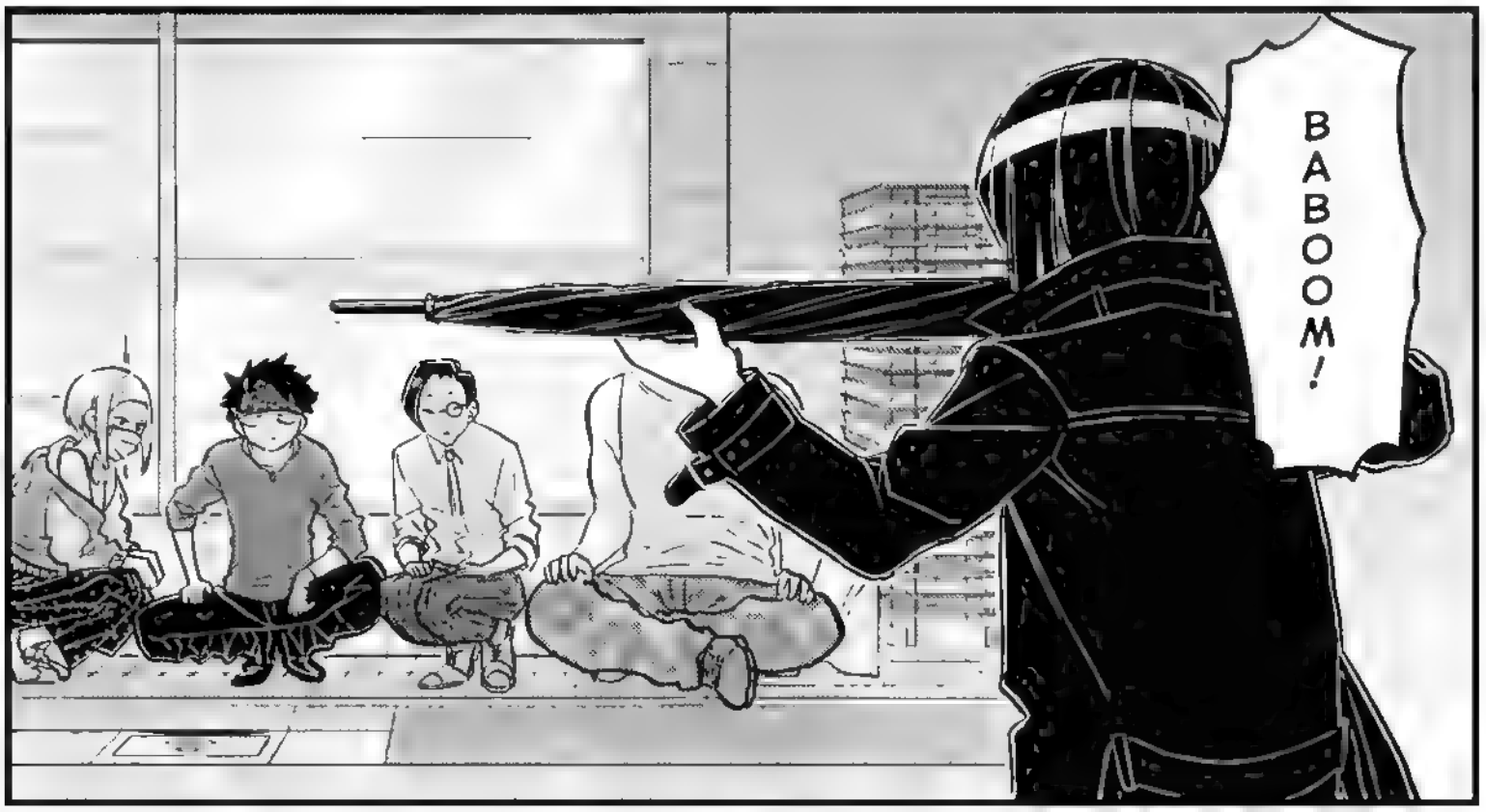
BLAM!!

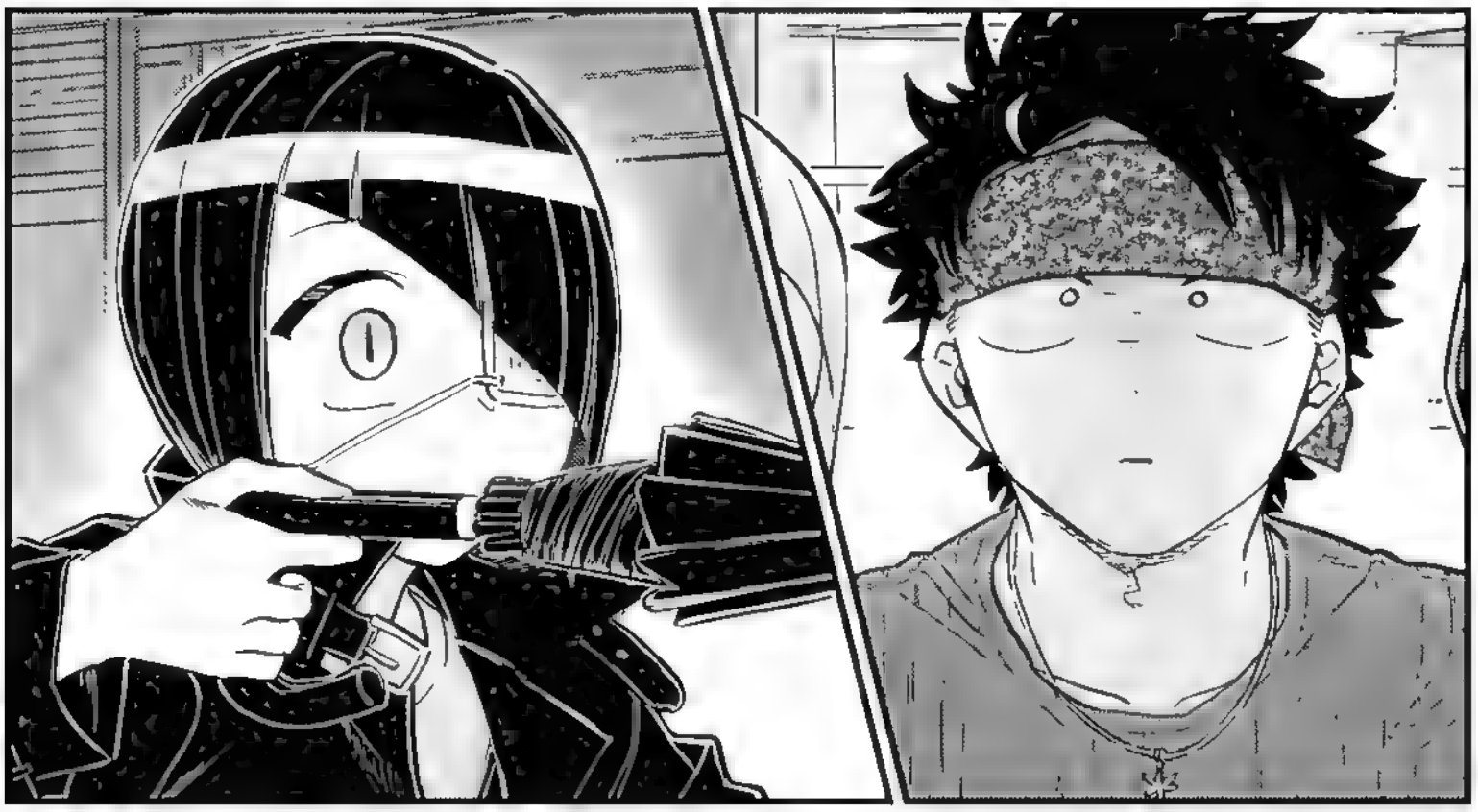
KA-CHIK!

Sword transforming into a gun sound effects

VREEE! KASHAK!


She's never heard a real gun, so she wouldn't know.
BABOOM!
MUCH BETTER!
NO, A REAL GUN SOUNDS MORE LIKE...
BLAM!
BLAM!


BABOOM!



Hoshiko Teshigawara (26)

?!

JOLT

BABOOM!

RUSTLE

DID SHE JUST SHOOT ME?

UDON

HUH?!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!

YOU HAVE TO ACT LIKE YOU'VE BEEN SHOT OR IT'S RUDE!!

Gah! You got me!!!

Blam-mo!!

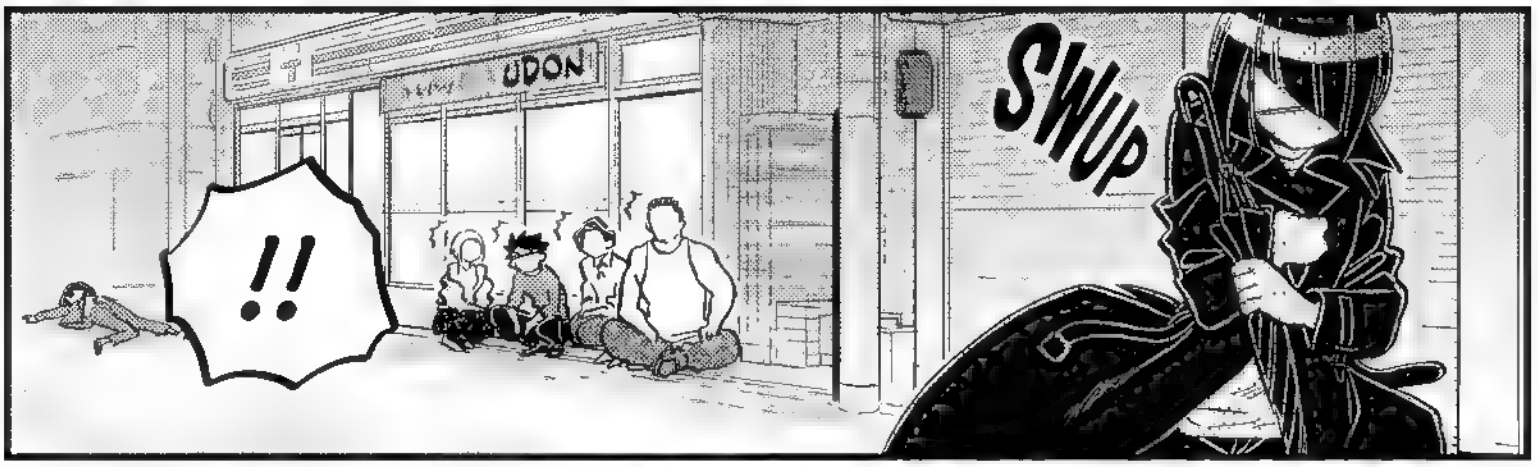
THEY DO THIS A LOT IN OSAKA, DON'T THEY?

SHUMP

GAH!

...

?!



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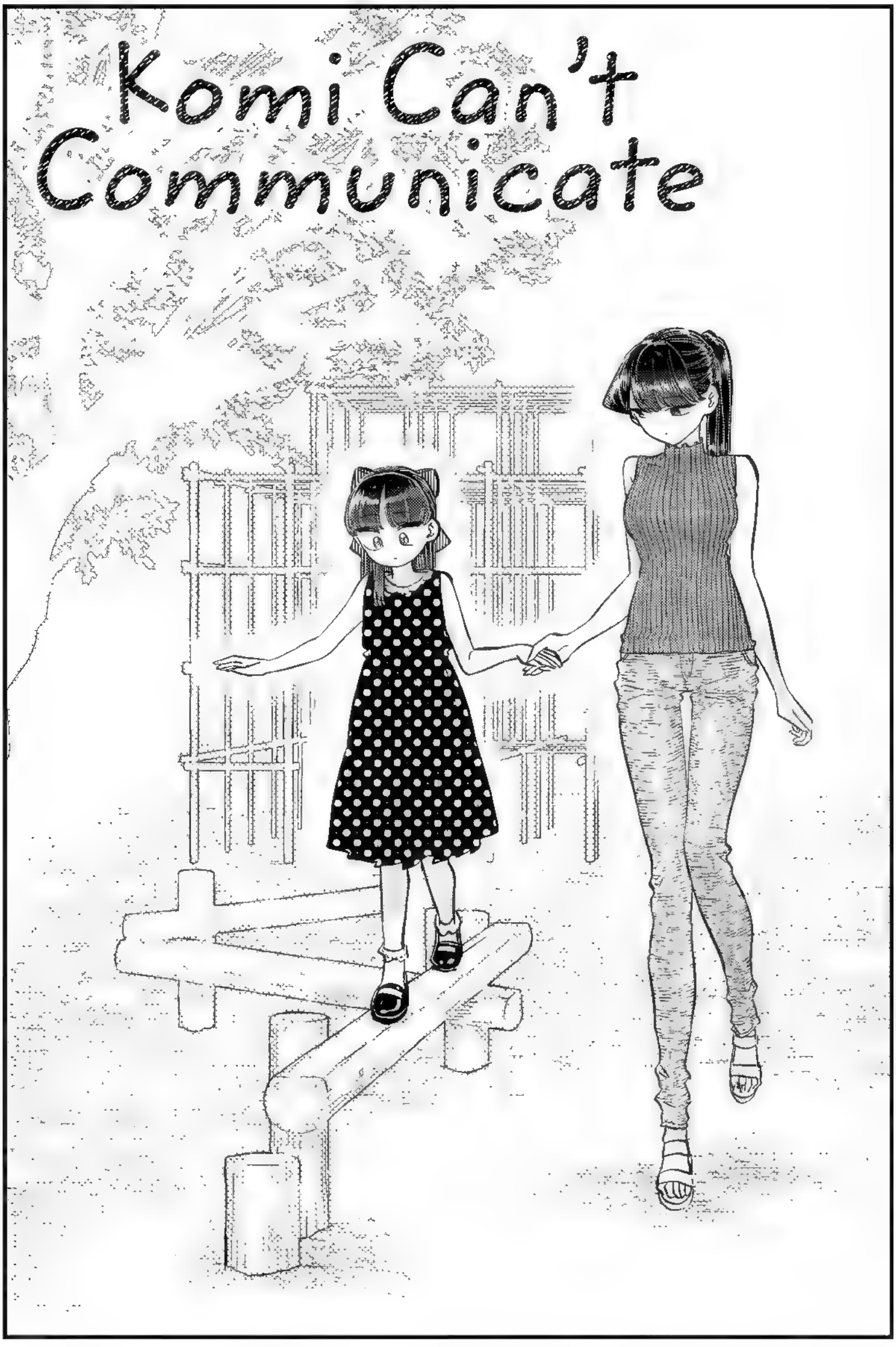

Communication 175: Four-Leaf Clover

...
...
!
THE WEATHER'S GREAT TODAY. YOU SHOULD GO OUTSIDE TO PLAY!

...
...
What happened?
BLUSHHH

SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
?
!
Shall we go to the park?
SWIP
!
Shall we go to the park?
YES.
SKRK
SKRK
What's with those two?
KACHAK
...

CHIRP
CHIRP
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HEEEAT
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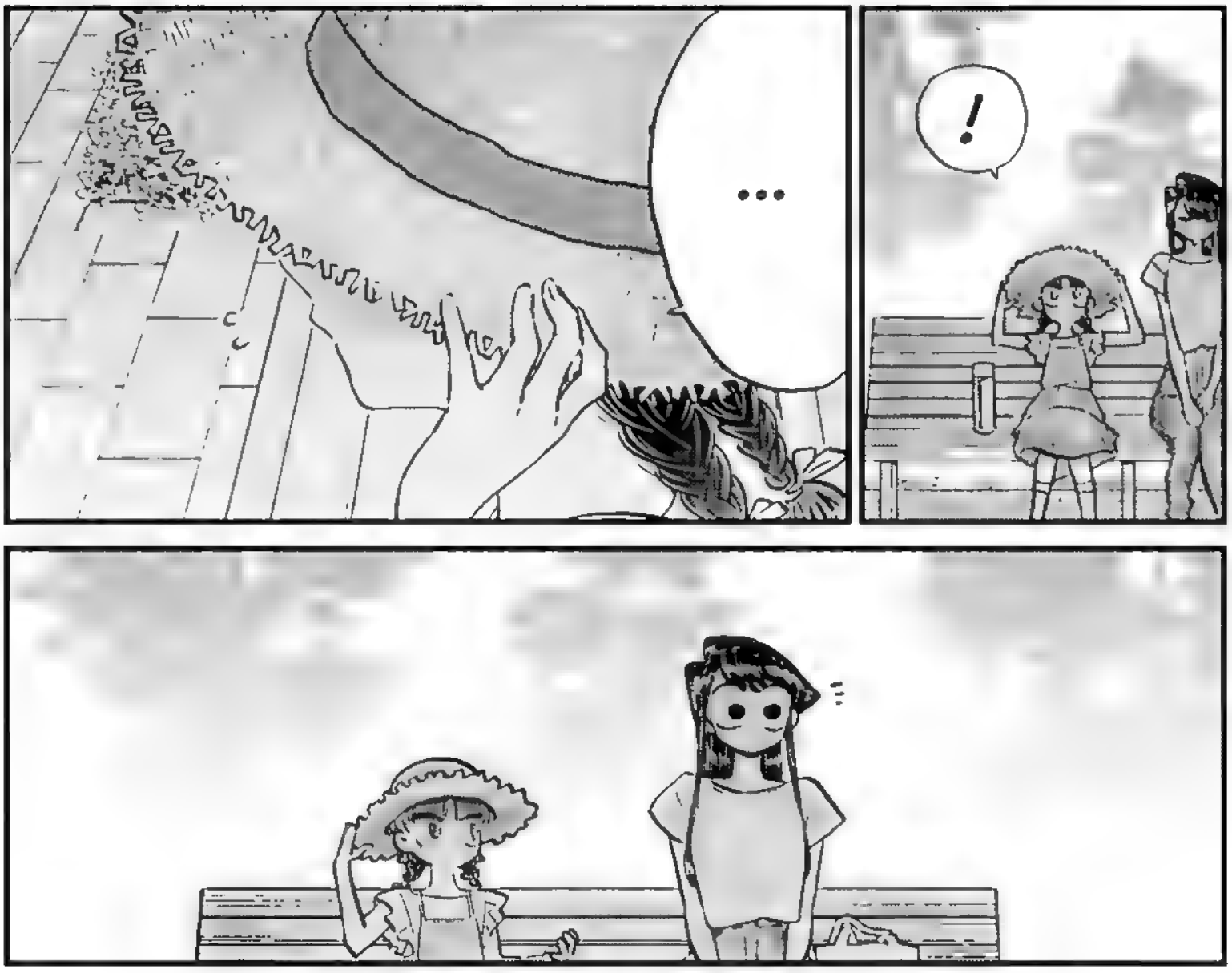
CHIRP
SHEEN

SHUF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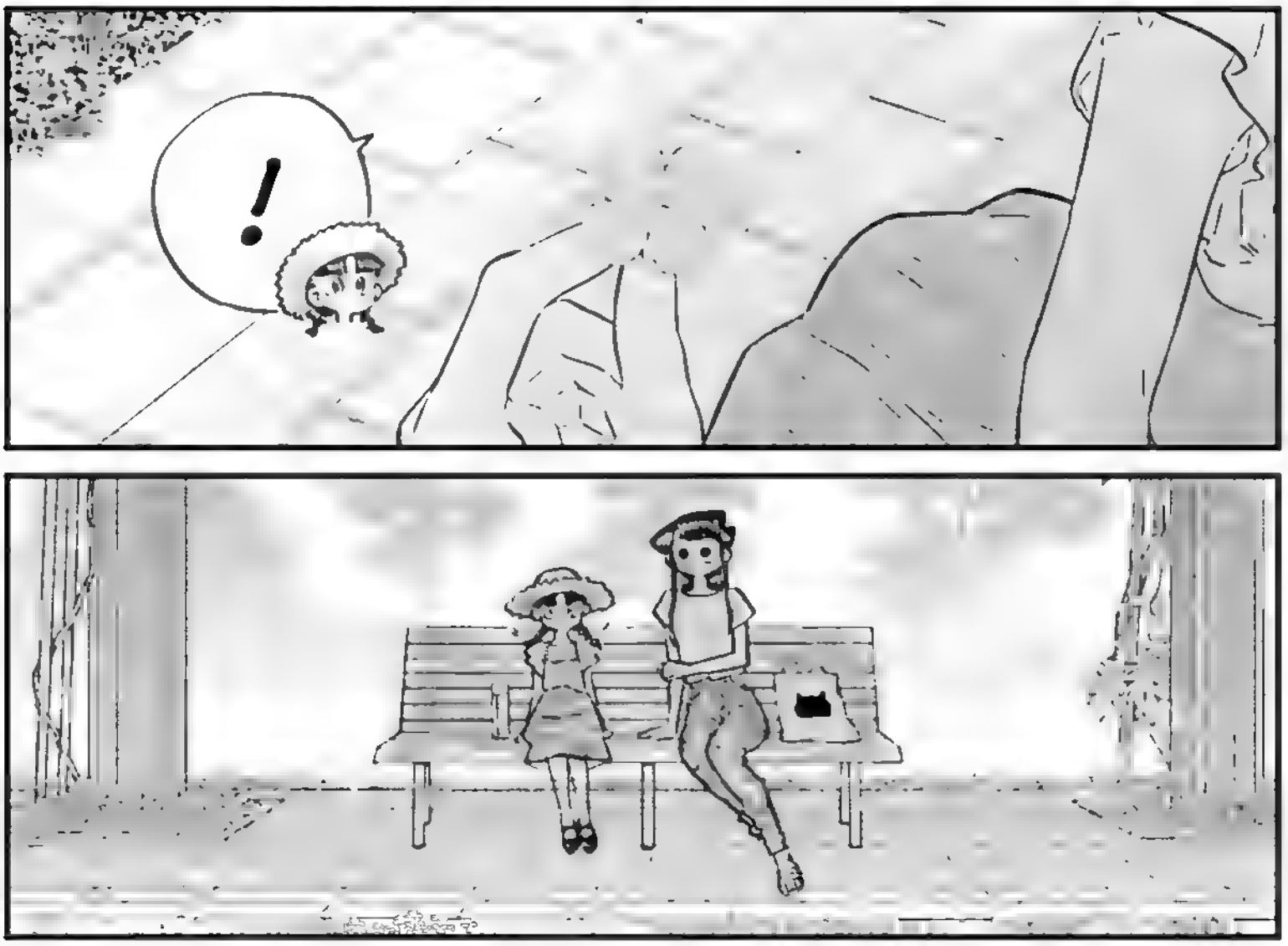
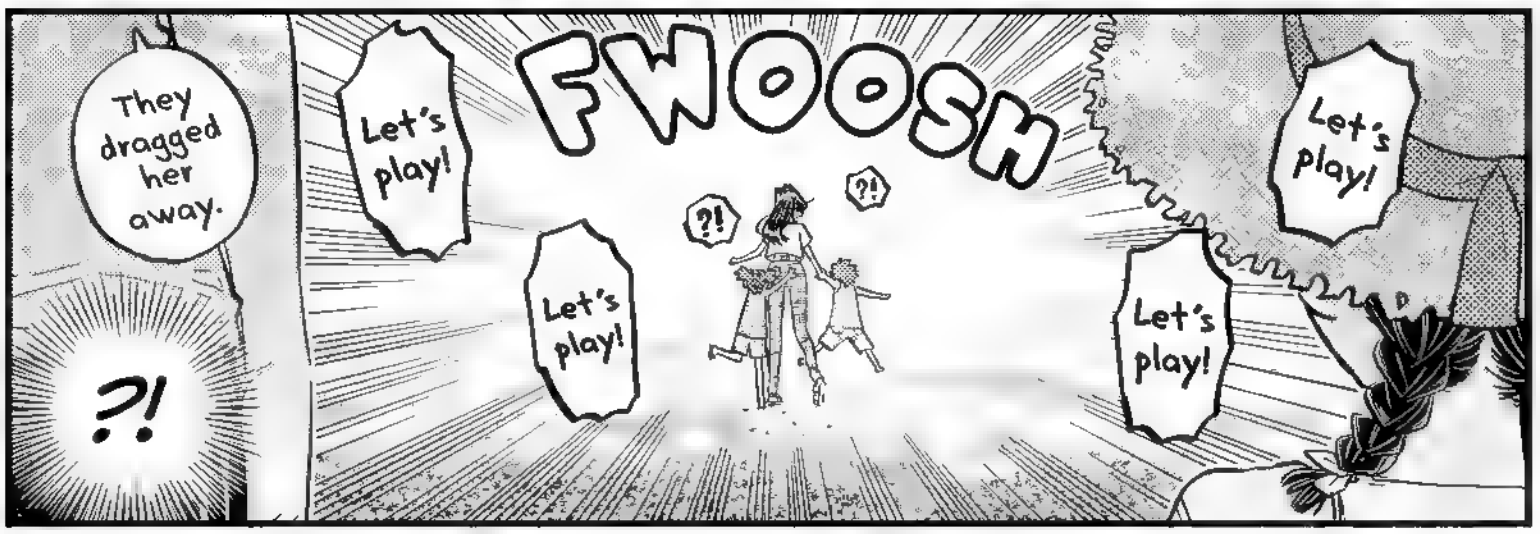
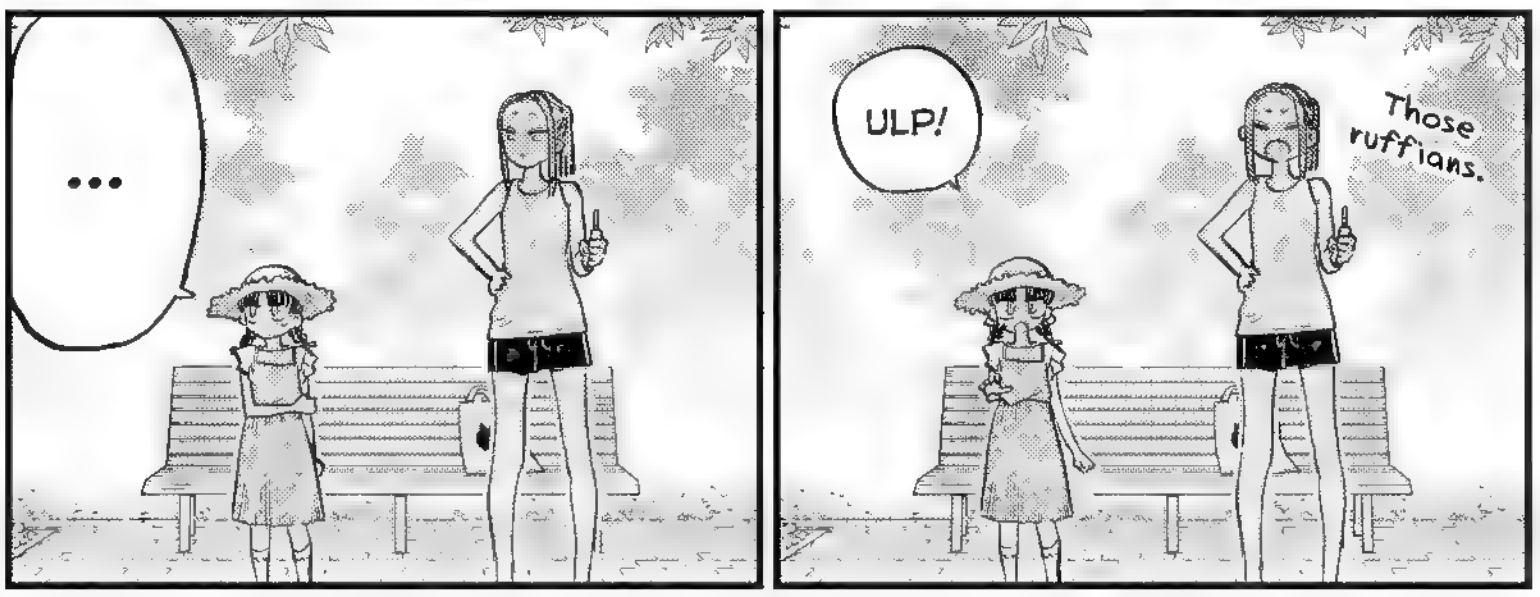


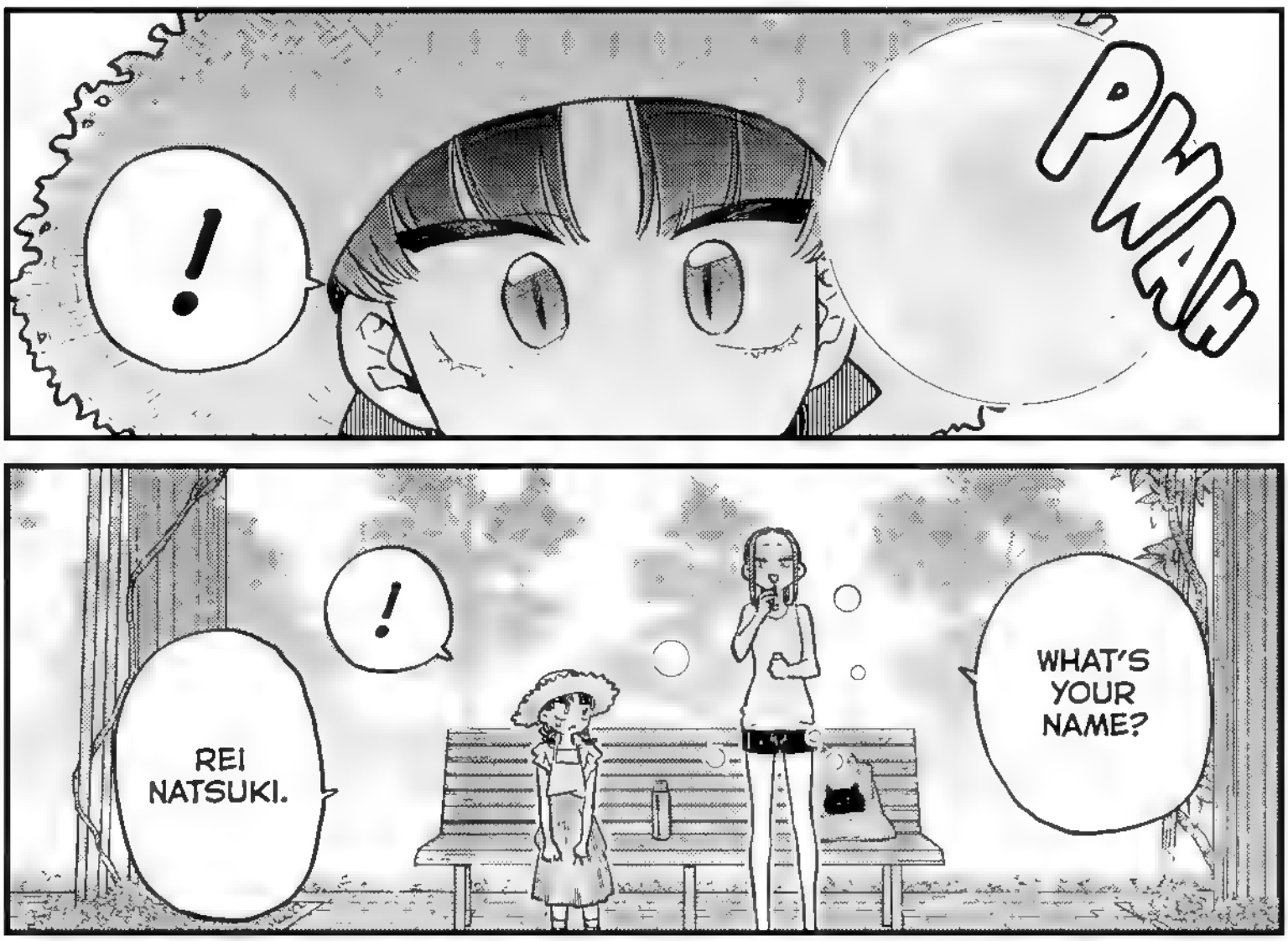
...
Can't find one
!
HM? KOMI?

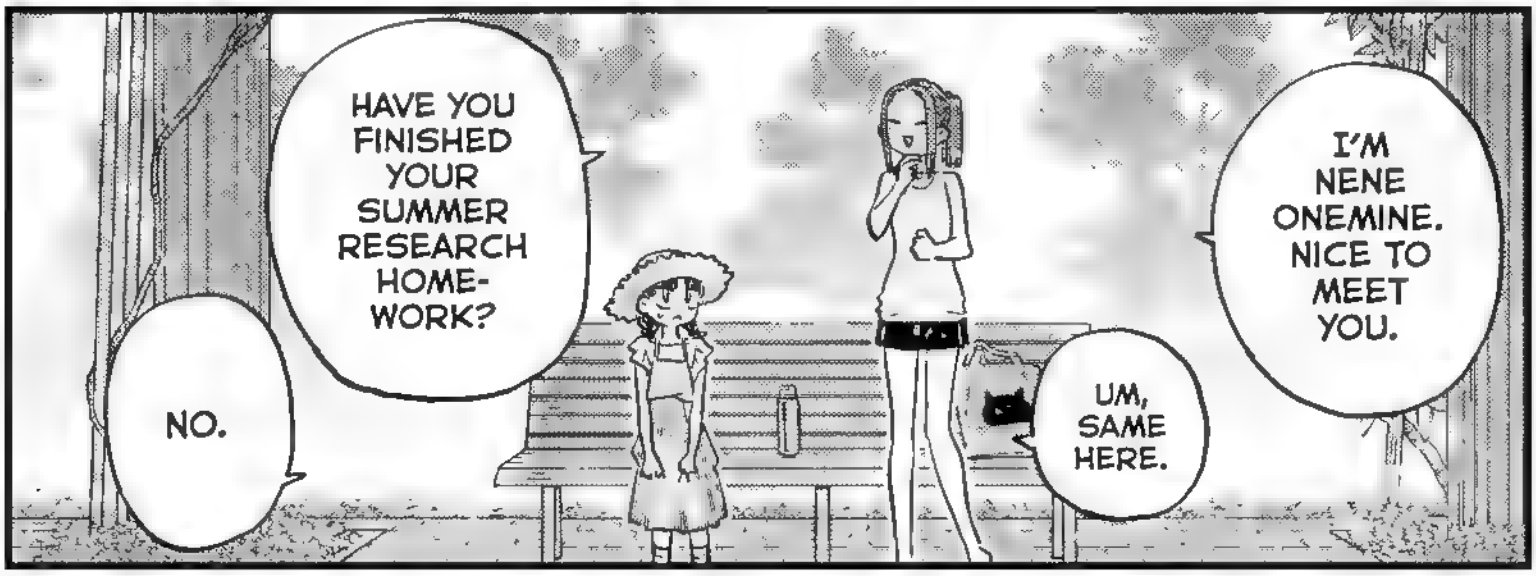
!!
HI! WHAT A COINCI-DENCE!
!
HEY, IS THAT...
...YOUR SISTER?

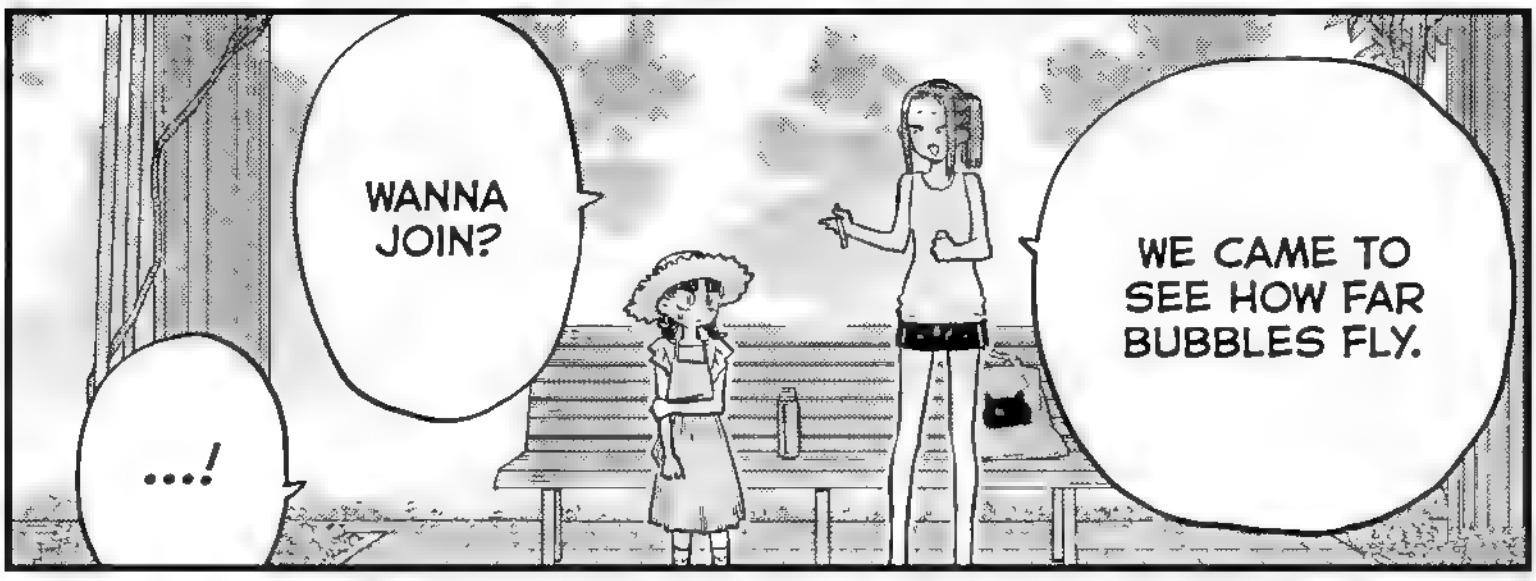
BLUSH
S-SAY NO!
Making a "Well, actually..." gesture
*Onemine's siblings Kazuya and Nono appeared in volume 9, communication 116
PLAY WITH US, SHAH GIRL !!!
?!
WHOOSH
HEY! THERE'S THE SHAH GIRL!!!


They dragged her away.
?!
Let's play!
Let's play!
FWOOSH
?!
?!
Let's play!
Let's play!
Let's play!

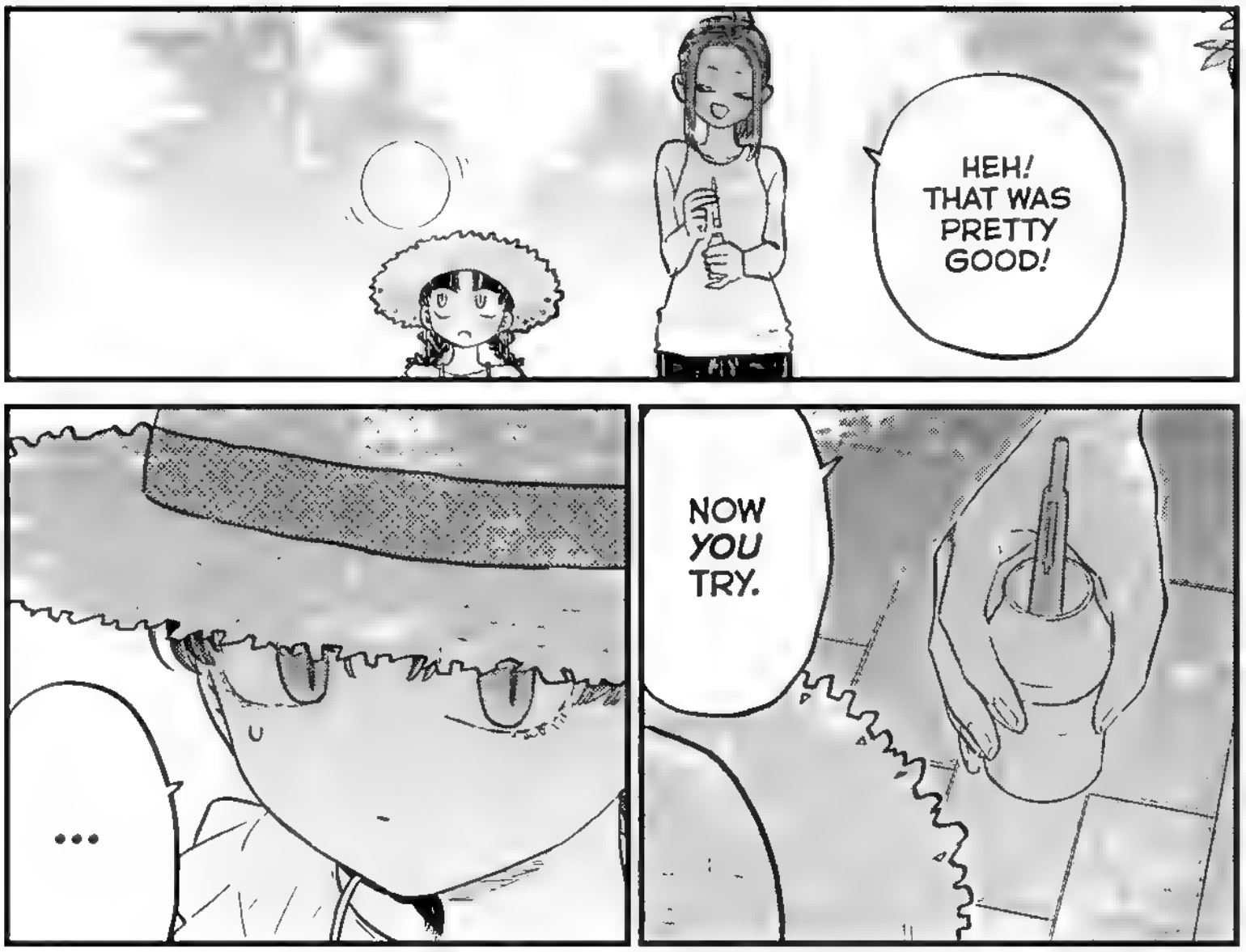

...
ULP!
Those ruffians.


!
PWAH
!
REI NATSUKI.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?


HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR SUMMER RESEARCH HOME-WORK?
NO.
I'M NENE ONEMINE. NICE TO MEET YOU.
UM, SAME HERE.

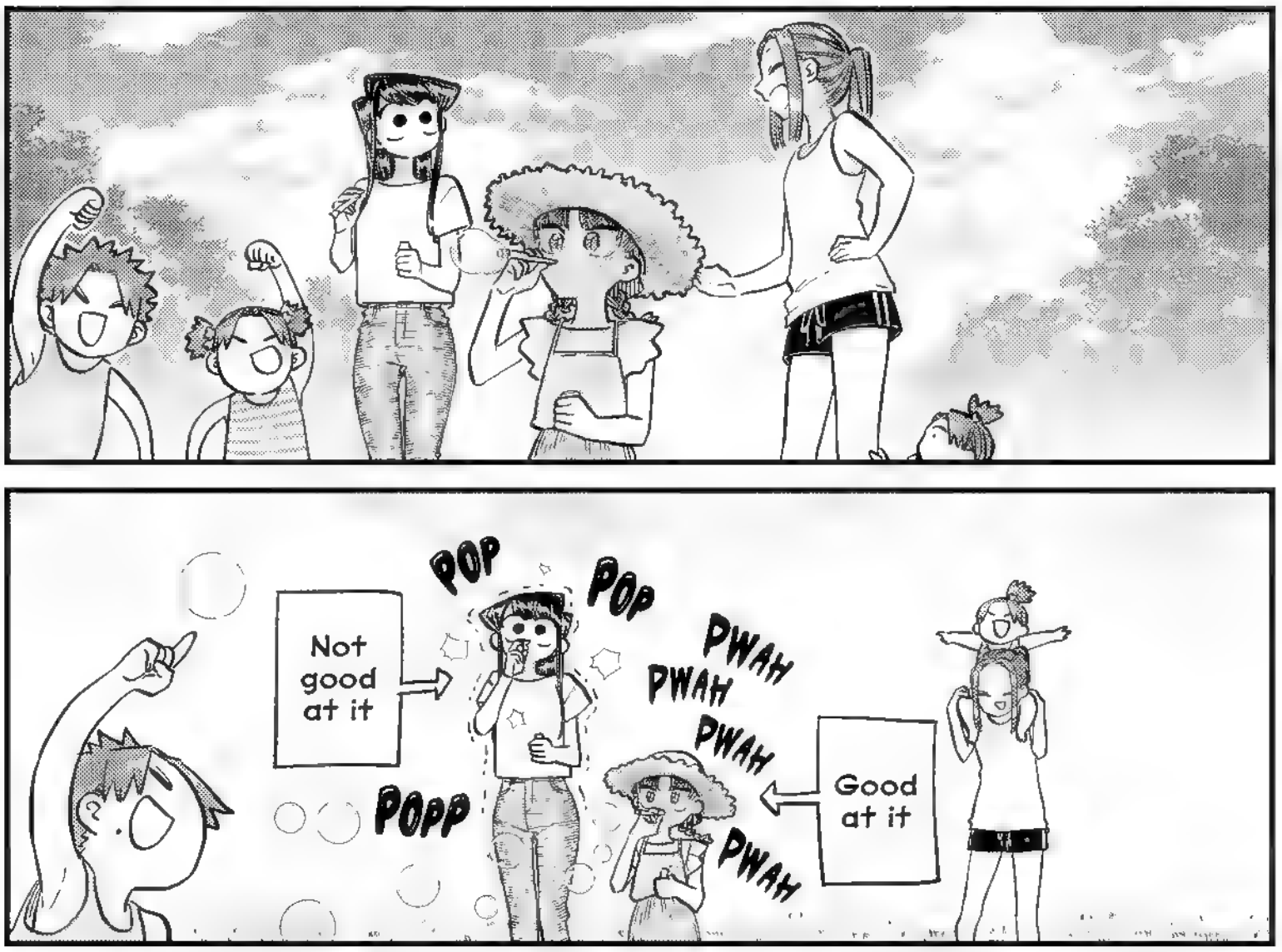

WANNA JOIN?
...!
WE CAME TO SEE HOW FAR BUBBLES FLY.

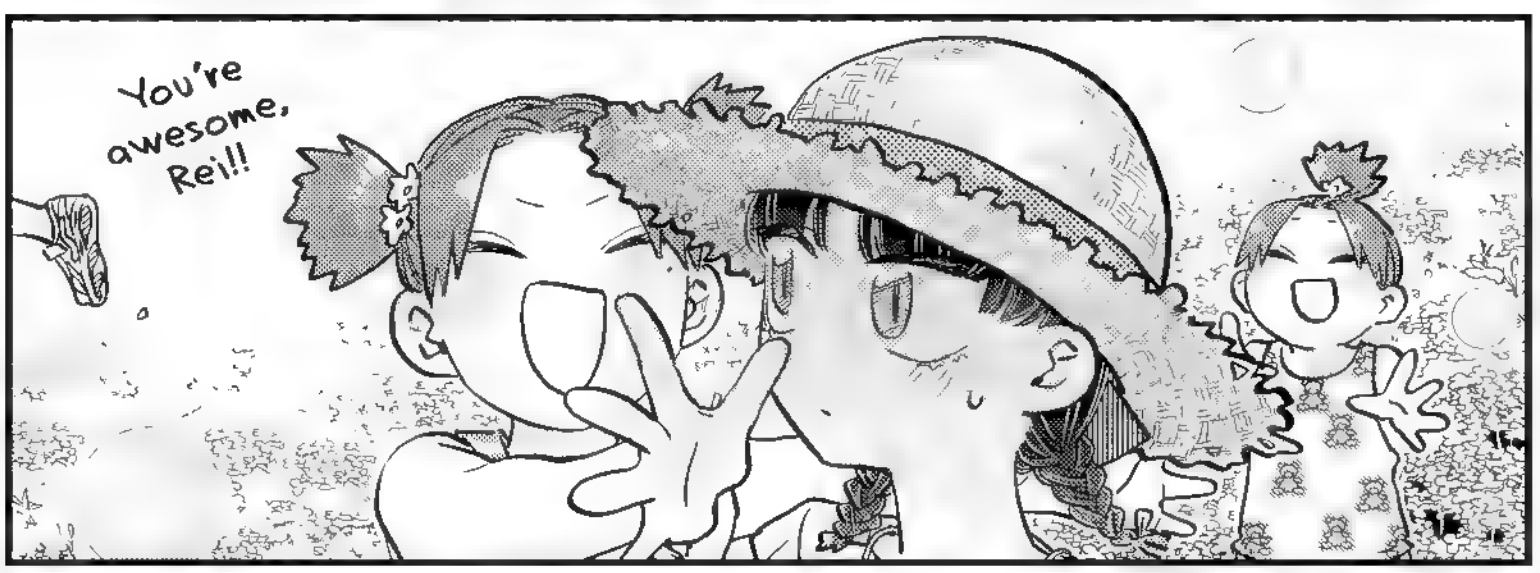
PWAAAH
PYOING
WOW!

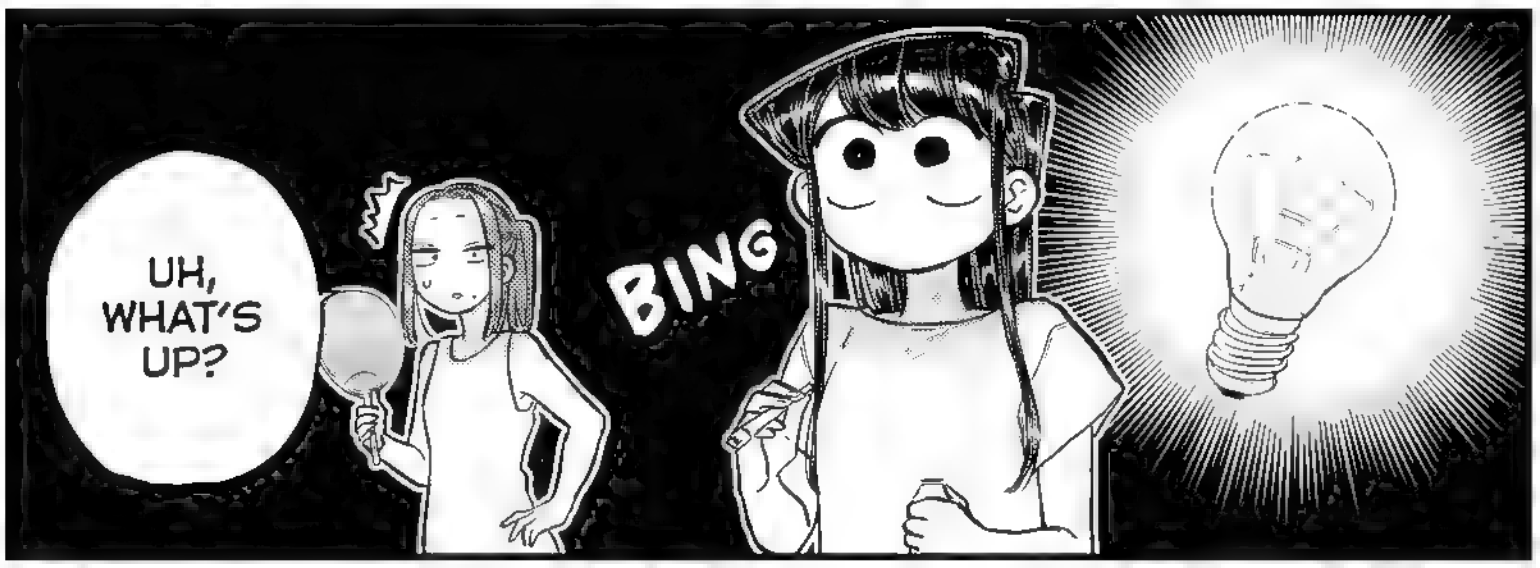

HEH! THAT WAS PRETTY GOOD!
...
NOW YOU TRY.

!
WAVE
WAVE

FWSH
...!
HMM...


POP
POP
PWAH
PWAH
PWAH
PWAH
POPP
Not good at it
Good at it


You're awesome, Rei!!


UH, WHAT'S UP?
BING

I HAVE HOMEMADE LEMON SYRUP. LET'S TRY THAT.

I hope it works.

OH, CAN YOU?

PSST PSST

WHATCHA DOIN'?!
WHATCHA DOIN'?!
WHATCHA DOIN'?!
WHATCHA DOIN'?!
WHATCHA DOIN'?!
WHATCHA DOIN'?!
WHATCHA DOIN'?!
WHATCHA DOIN'?!
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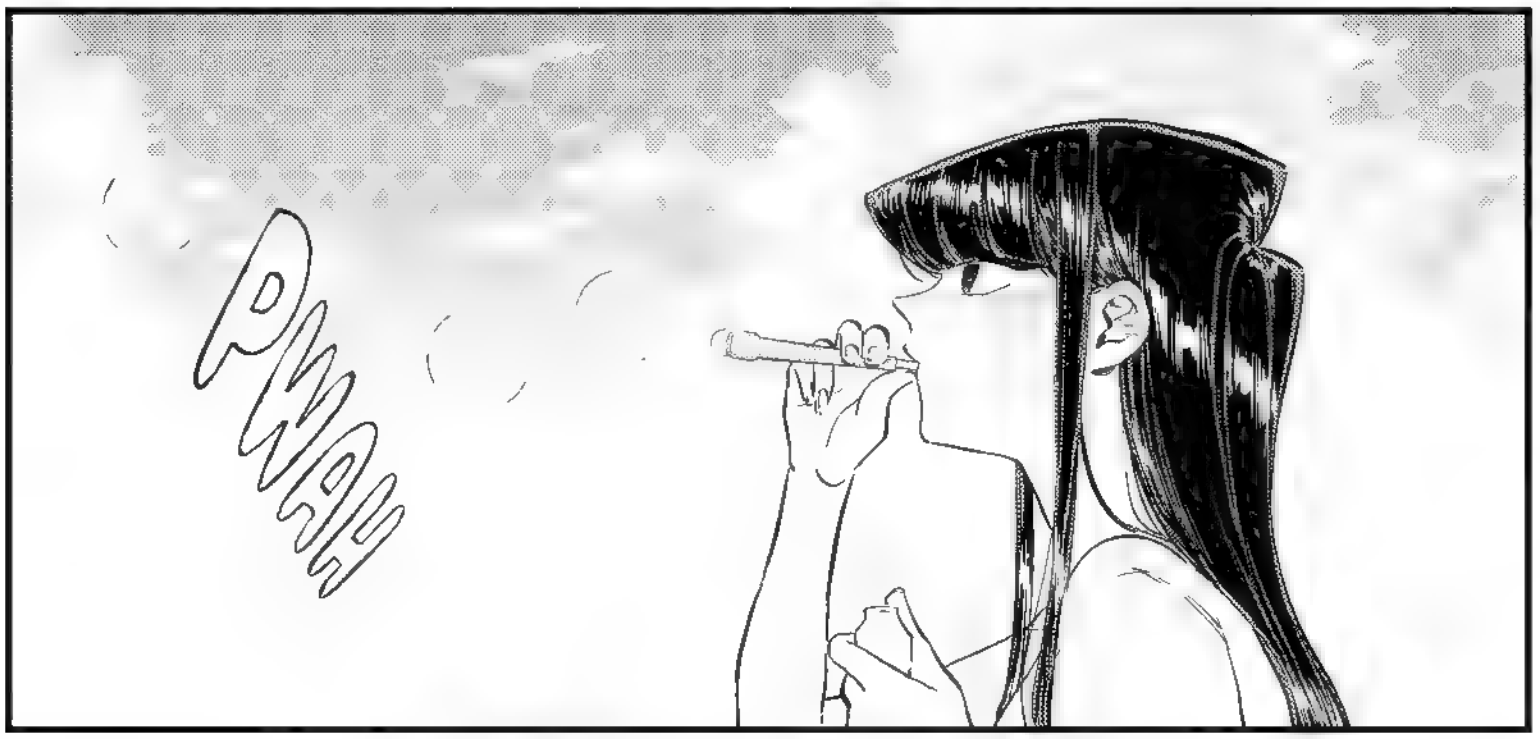
WHATCHA DOIN'?!
WHATCHA DOIN'?!

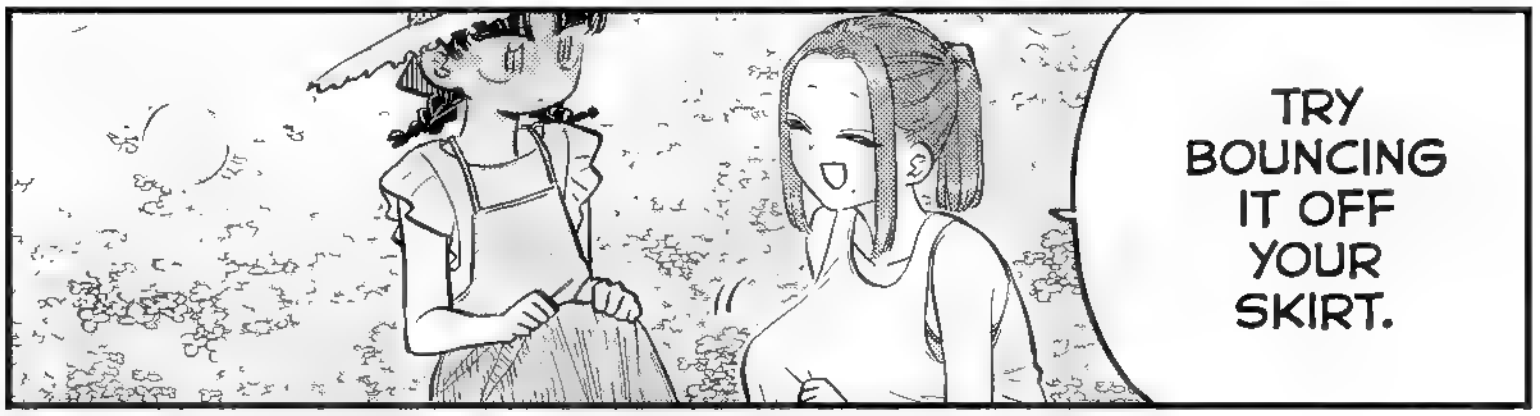
QUIET!

WHAT'RE YA DOIN'?!

GLOOP

NOW WATCH!


PHEW

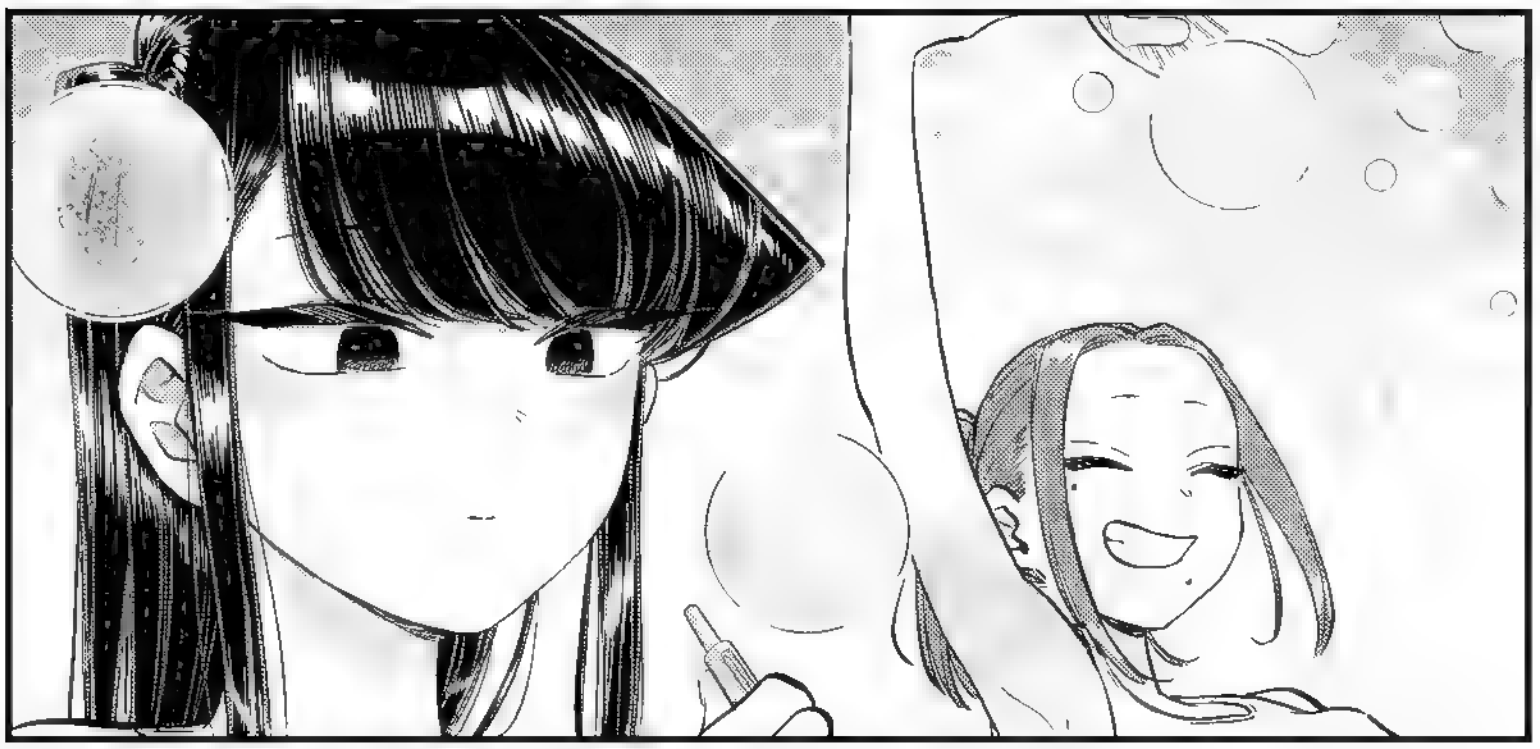

TRY BOUNCING IT OFF YOUR SKIRT.

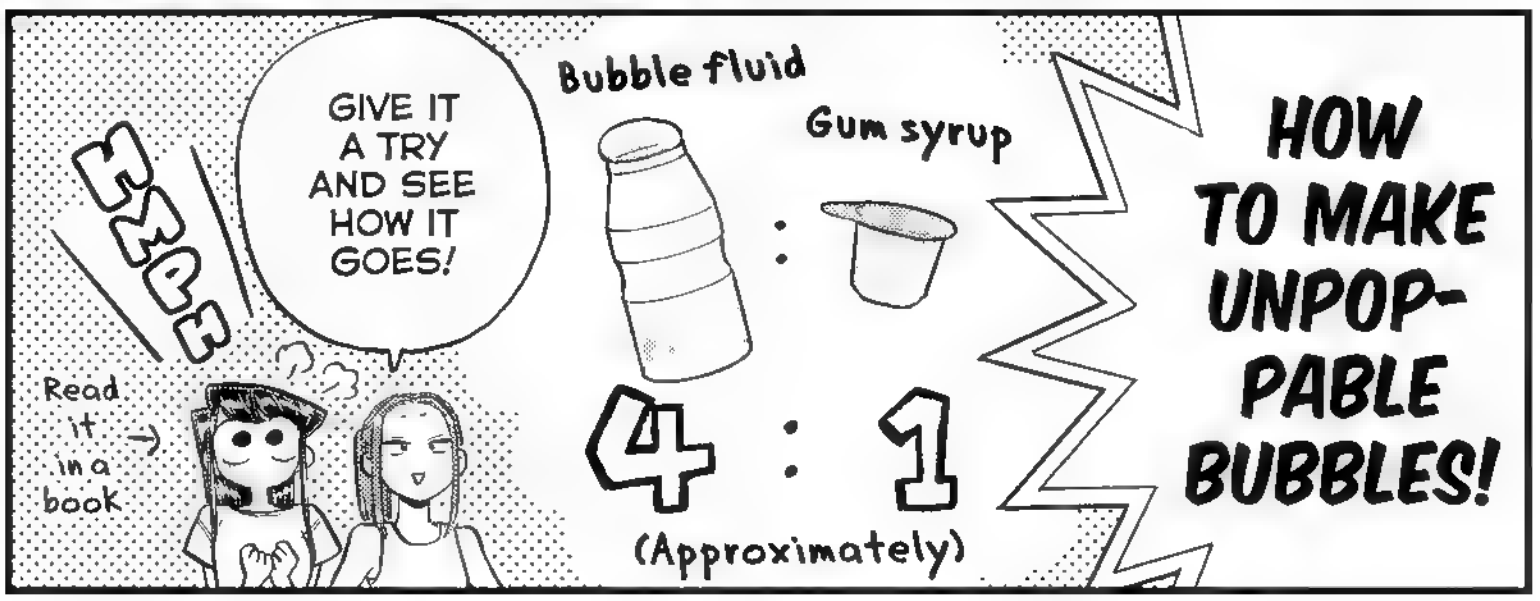
!
BOING

WHOA!! COOL!!! I WANNA DO IT TOO!!!
BOING
BOING
BOING
!!

You dummy...
KOFF
GAG
Sucked in because it smelled sweet
SLURP

?!
SNEAK
SNEAK




GIVE IT A TRY AND SEE HOW IT GOES!
Bubble fluid
Gum syrup
4 : 1
(Approximately)
HOW TO MAKE UNPOP-PABLE BUBBLES!
Read it in a book

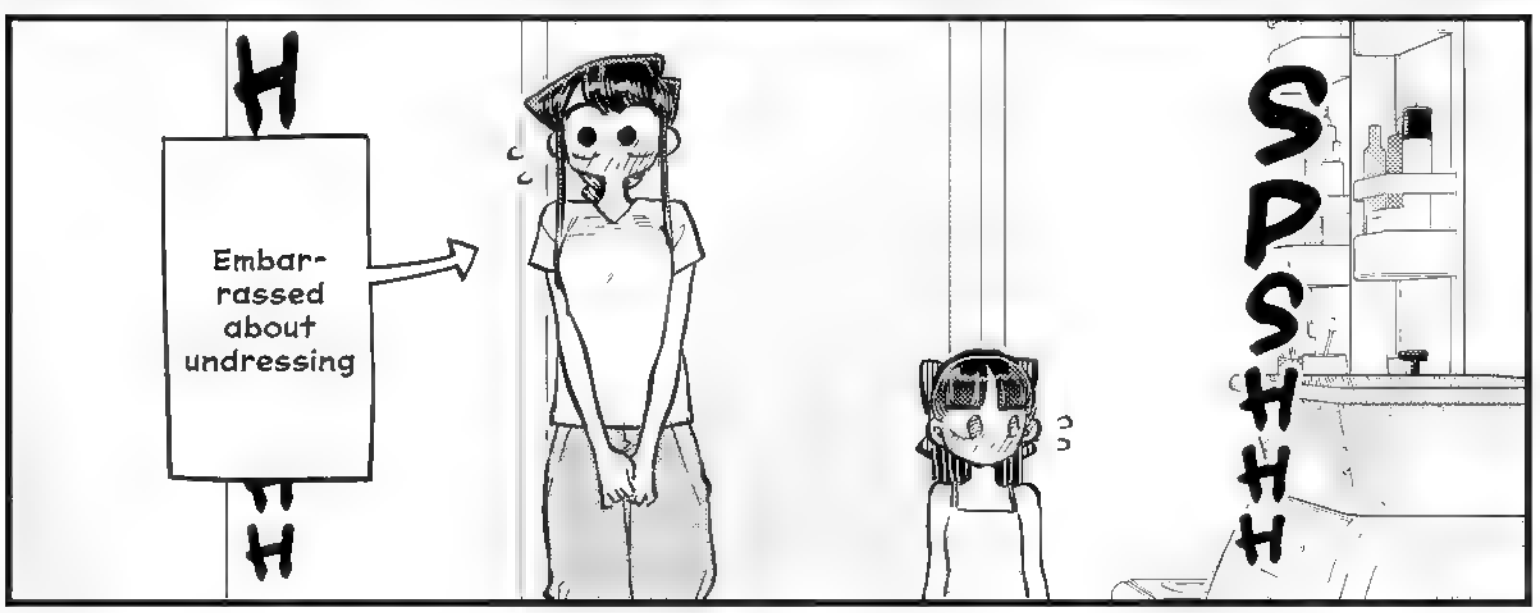
Communication 175 — The End

Day 6
I'M HOOOME!
THEY CAN JUMP SO HIGH!
AND THE SEA LIONS WERE CUTE!
WASN'T THE DOLPHIN SHOW GREAT?
WE GOT TO PET AN OTTER...
...AND THAT WHALE SHARK WAS HUGE!
THE MIRROR FAIRY BASS-LETS.
THE WHAT?
WHAT DID YOU LIKE MOST, REI?
...THE SPOTTED GARDEN EELS?
THE CLOWN-FISH OR...

Communication 176: A Bath with Rei

!
DO YOU GIRLS WANT TO TAKE A BATH?
WHEW! IT'S SO HOT OUT!
...
...
!
SURE.
...
W- WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?!
HMPH HMPH
!!
!!
IN THAT CASE, RINSE THE TUB OUT FIRST.

HHHHHH
SPSHHH
AUTO
REHEAT
BIP
I'll run the water.


H
Embar-rassed about undressing
H
SPSHHH

!
?!
HWAH
?!!
HWAAAH

About half full
!
KAKLATTER
PING

!
SQUIRT
WAH!
SQUIRT

!!
SPLASH
SPLISH
SPLOSH
SPLASH
WHAT WAS THAT FOR ?!

?!

STREEAK

THAT LOOKS FUN! MIND IF A YOUNG LADY JOINS YOU?!

GOOD NIGHT.

OKAY, NIGHTY-NIGHT!

...

BLUNT

Asks every night

YES, I'M SURE.

ARE YOU REALLY, REALLY, *REALLY* SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO SLEEP WITH ME?

FAIK
NOx
NOx
NOx
KCHAK
!
...

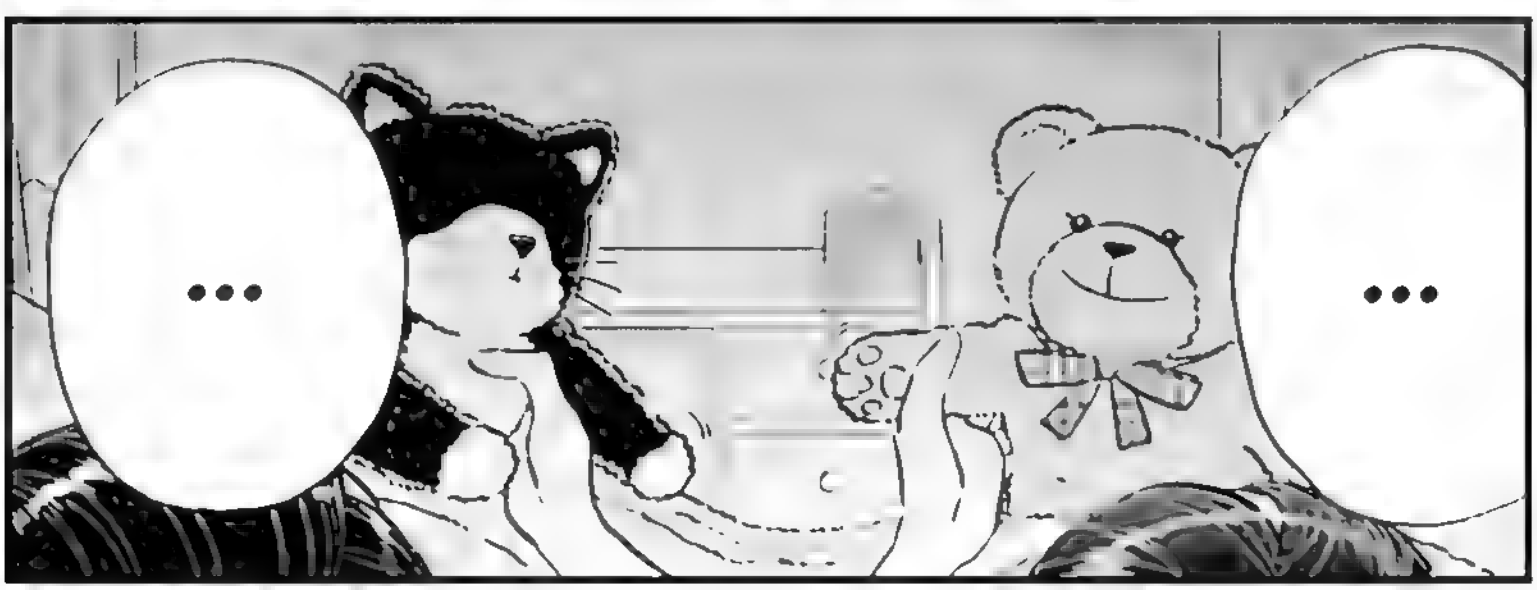
UM...
...
Looking around for some reason
GLANCE
GLANCE
?
...

!
SWIP

GRRR
GRRR
!
HWUP
YOUR MOM IS COMING TOMORROW.

DAT'S RIGHT!

HMM...
SORT OF.
LOOKIN' FORWARD TO IT?


...
...

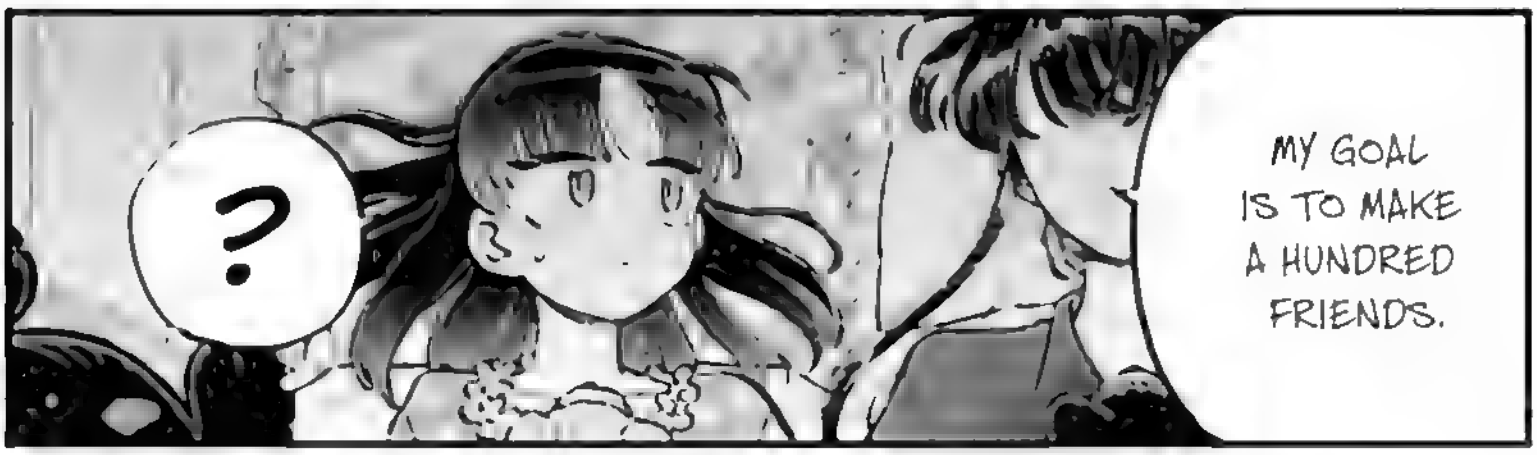
REI, YOU'RE ONLY EIGHT YEARS OLD...
...BUT YOU'VE GONE MANY PLACES...
...AND MET LOTS OF PEOPLE.
I THINK THAT'S GREAT.

...SO MUCH FUN.
...WILL BE...
AND THAT...
...YOU'LL RUN INTO PEOPLE YOU KNOW EVERYWHERE YOU GO.
IF YOU KEEP MAKING FRIENDS ...
...THAT WOULD REALLY HAPPEN.
I HIGHLY DOUBT ...
GIVE ME A BREAK.

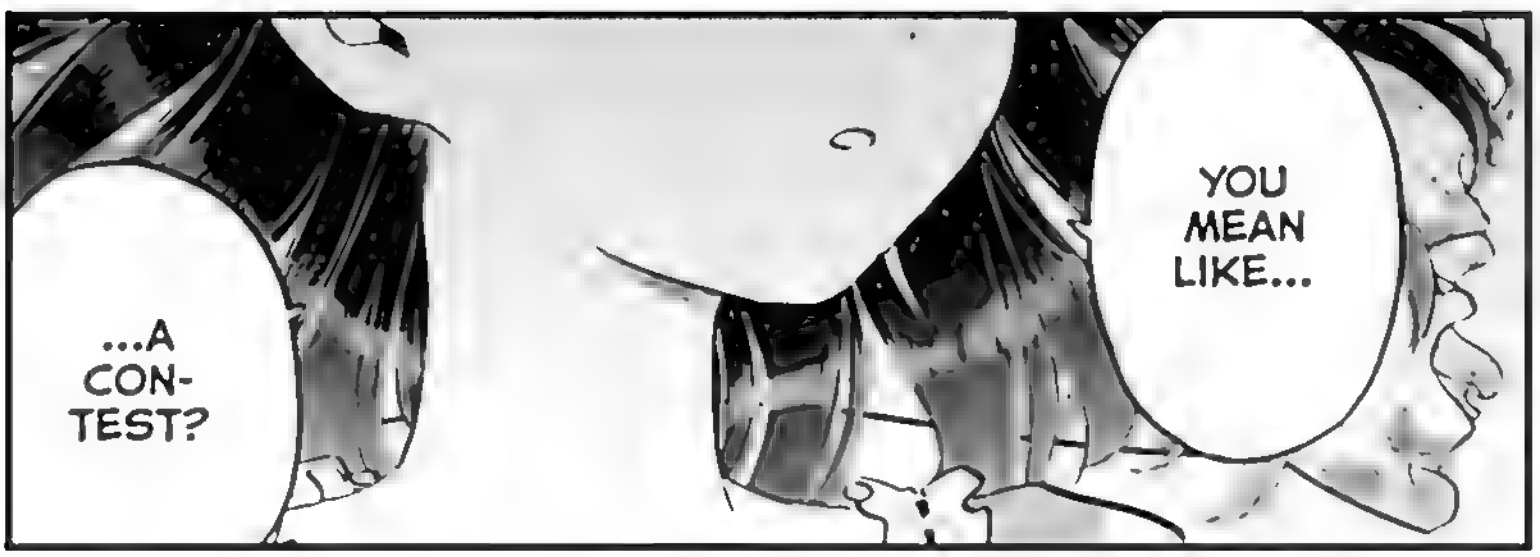
ACTUALLY, I HAVE A FRIEND LIKE THAT.

!

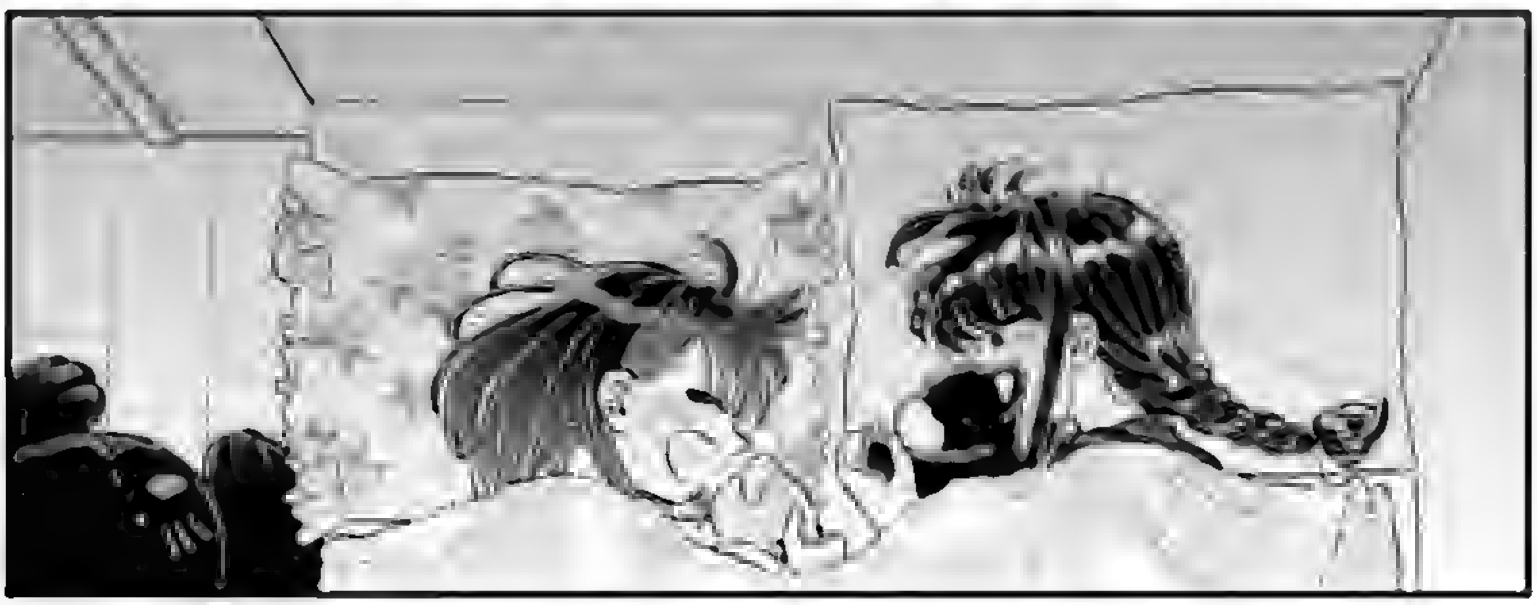
MAYBE ABOUT 40?
HUH ?
HOW MANY FRIENDS HAVE YOU MADE?


?
MY GOAL IS TO MAKE A HUNDRED FRIENDS.

WANT TO SEE WHO CAN REACH A HUNDRED FRIENDS FIRST?


...A CON-TEST?
YOU MEAN LIKE...

OKAY, YOU'RE ON!



WHY ?!

?!

REI, CAN I TOUCH YOUR CHEEK?

!!

OKAY, FINE.

...

...

!!!

!!!

SMUSH

THAT'S ENOUGH ALREADY!

!!!

POKE

!!!

POKE

SMUSH

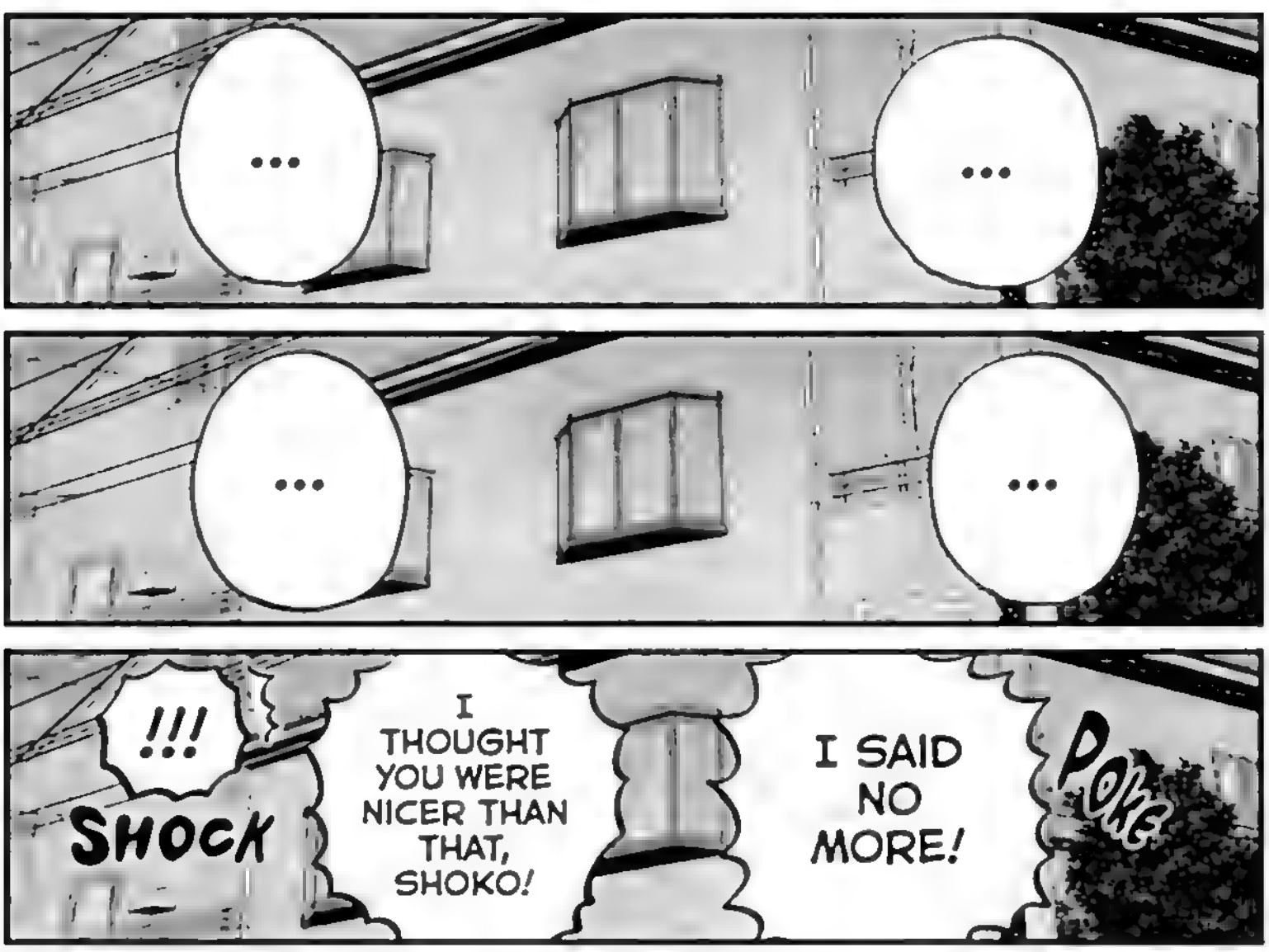
!!!

...

...

UGH... I SAID THAT'S *ENOUGH.*

POKE



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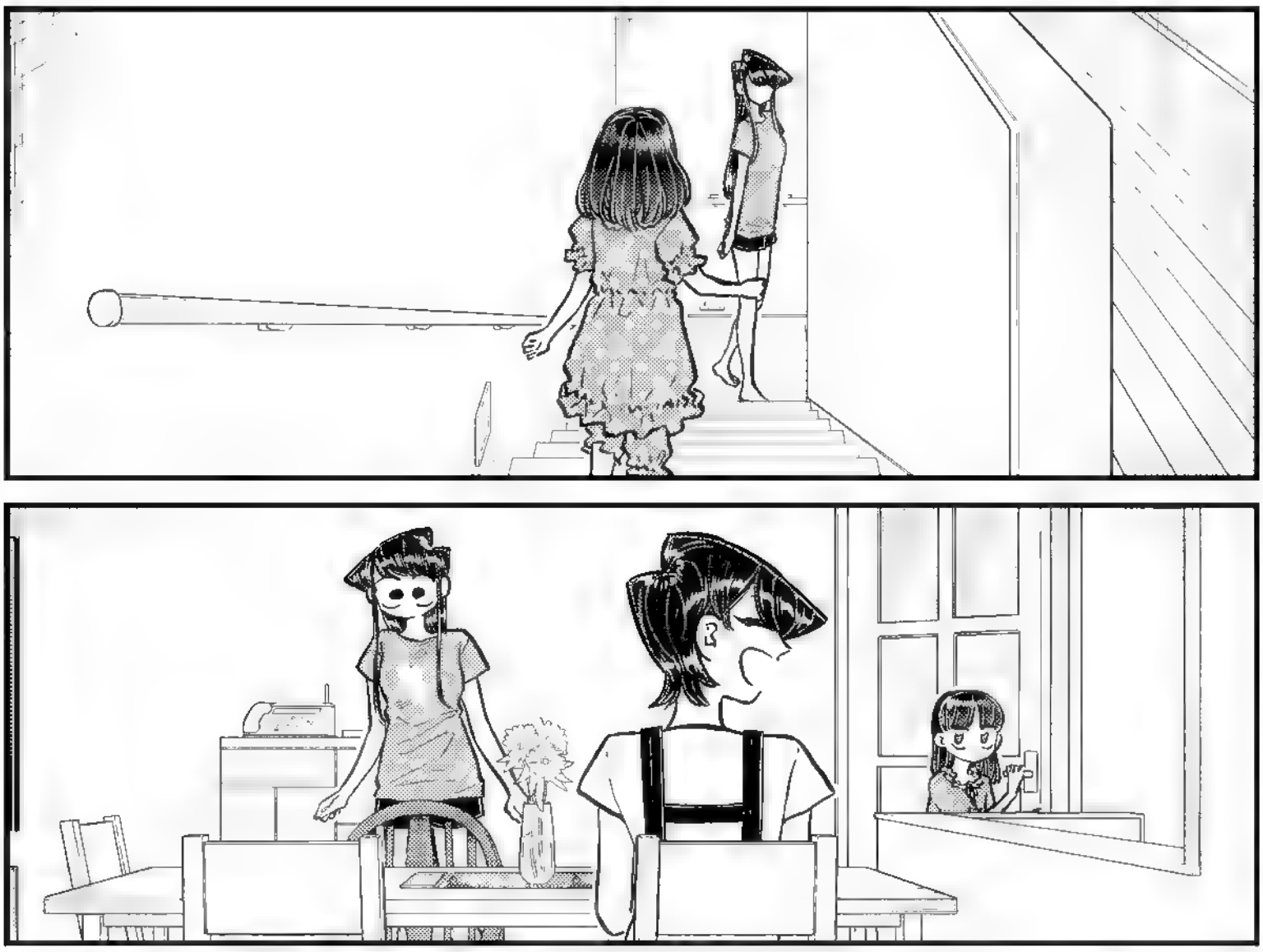
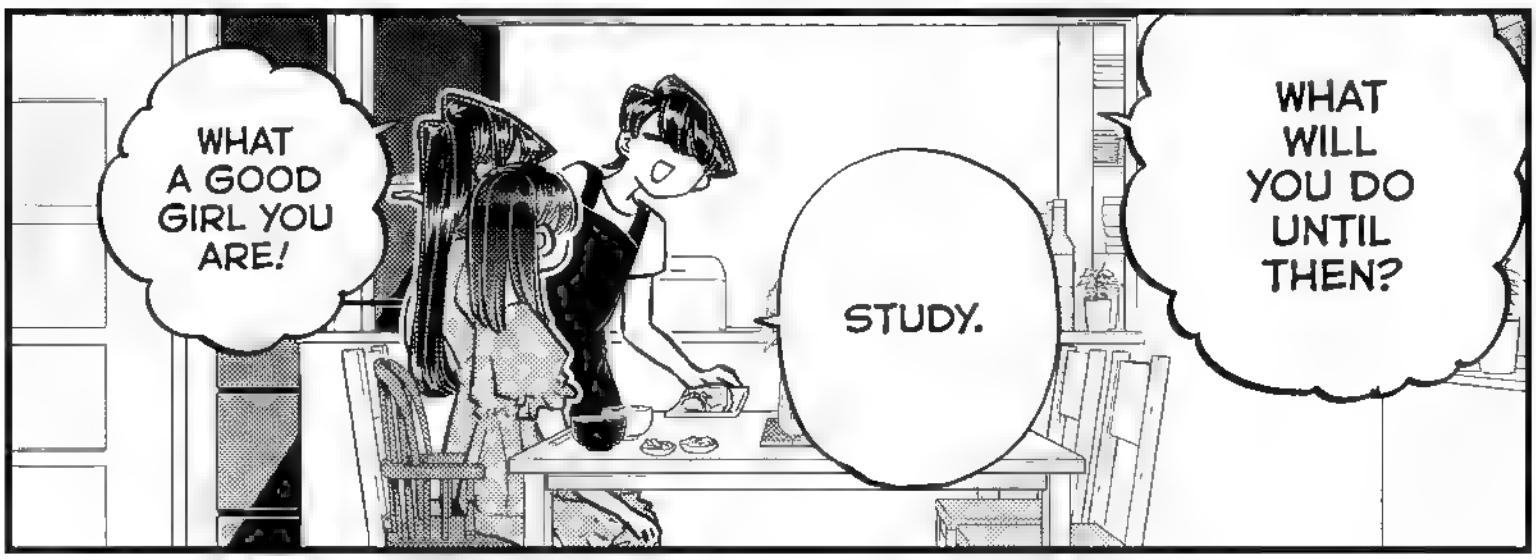
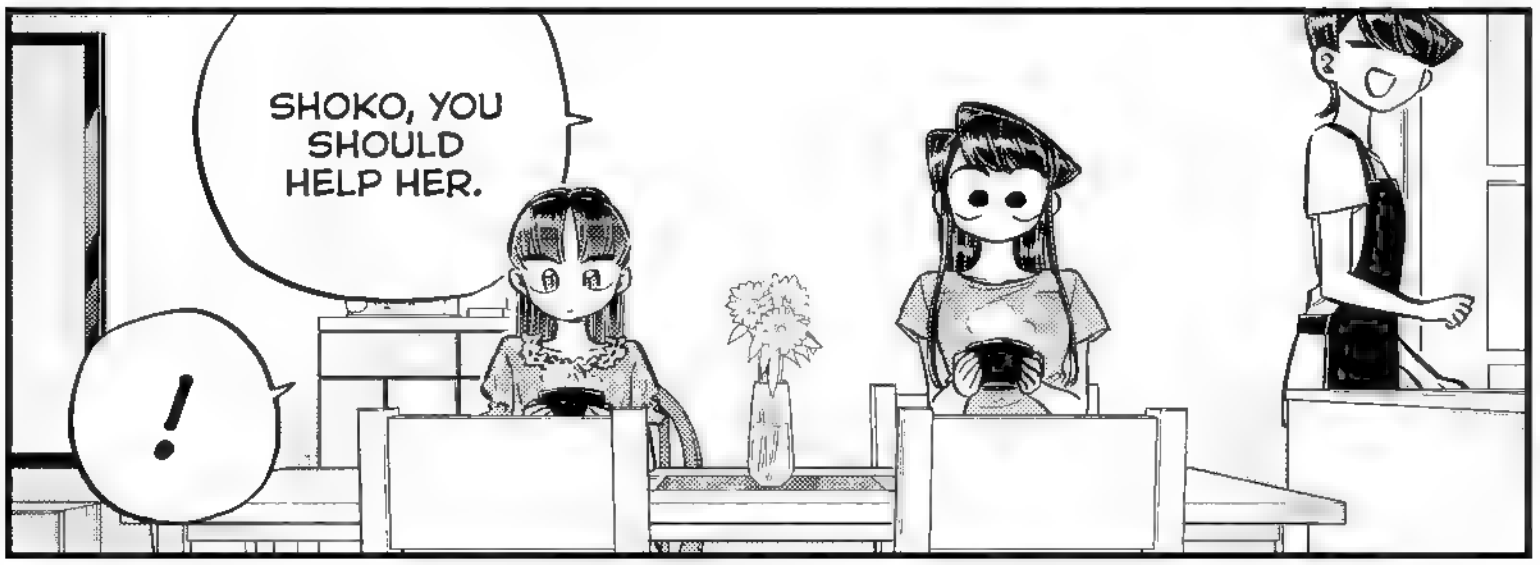
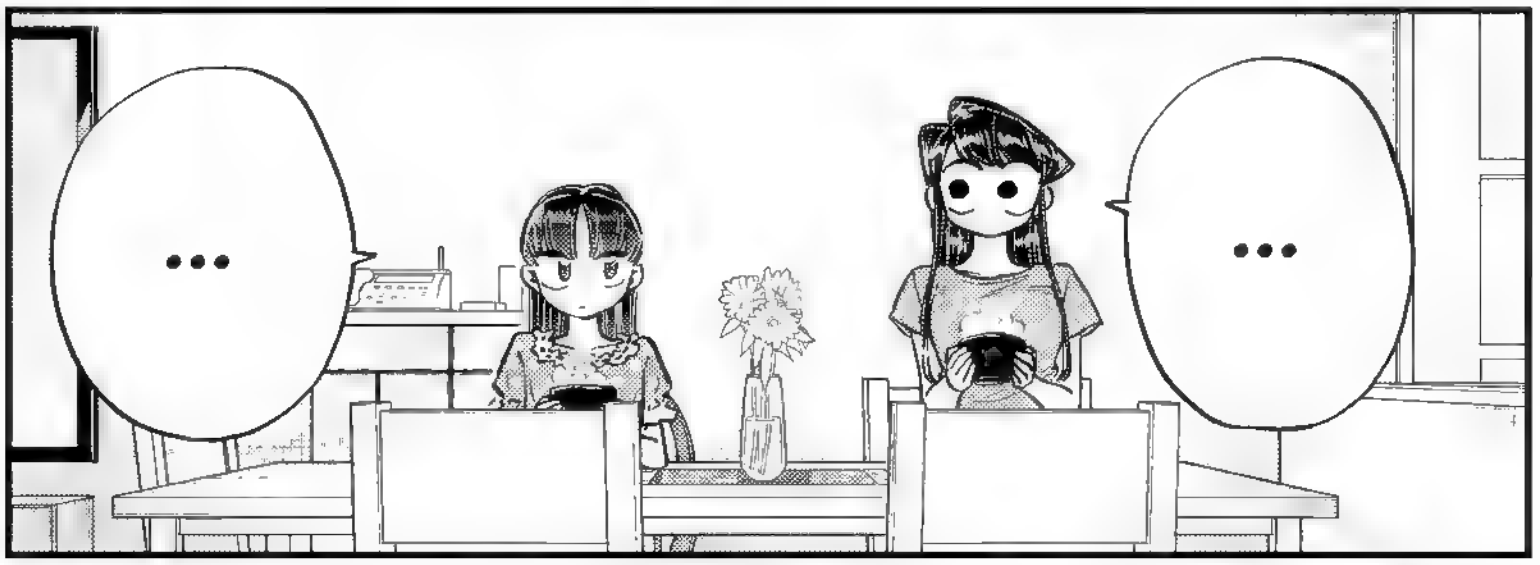
Communication 177: Saying Goodbye to Rei



YES, I KNOW.
YOUR MOTHER IS COMING AT ABOUT FOUR O'CLOCK.


WHAT A GOOD GIRL YOU ARE!
STUDY.
WHAT WILL YOU DO UNTIL THEN?


SHOKO, YOU SHOULD HELP HER.
!


...
...

!
NOD
...

...
SLURP
...

9:00
a.m.

12:00
p.m.

...

STAARE

2:00
p.m.

!!

DING DONG

4:00
p.m.

A little ner-vous

Com-iiing!

TUMP

TUMP

TUMP

TUMP

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL! AND IT'S ONLY BEEN A WEEK!

IT'S BEEN SO LONG! WELCOME BAAACK!

WHERE'S REI?

SHE'S IN THE LIVING ROOM.

!

REI!

KA

CHAK

I'M BACK!

SORRY, REI!

WELCOME HOME, MOM!

?

...

HUH?

?!

DID THAT OLD LADY MISTREAT YOU?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, REI?

...

BOW BOW

You two have grown!

?!

HUH? BUT YOUR COOKING IS *AWFUL!*

NO, I'M BETTER NOW!

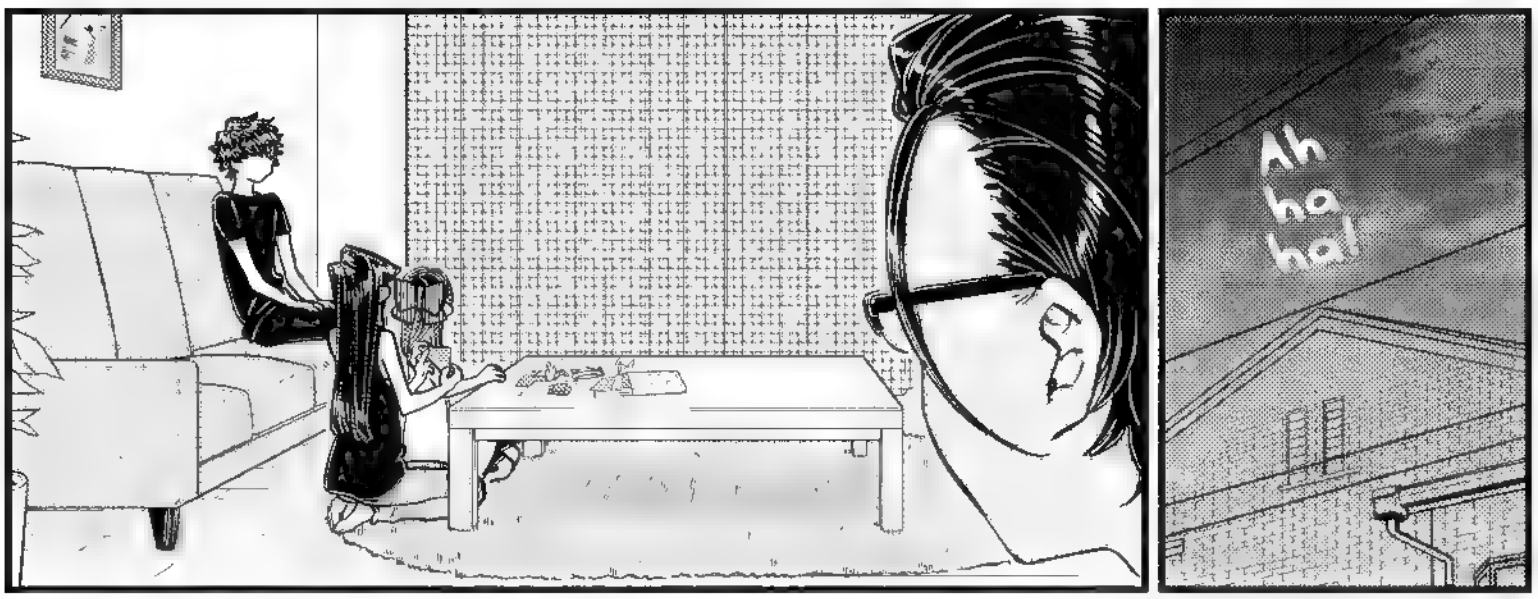
Komi is seeing her mother in a new light.

...TO STAY FOR DINNER?

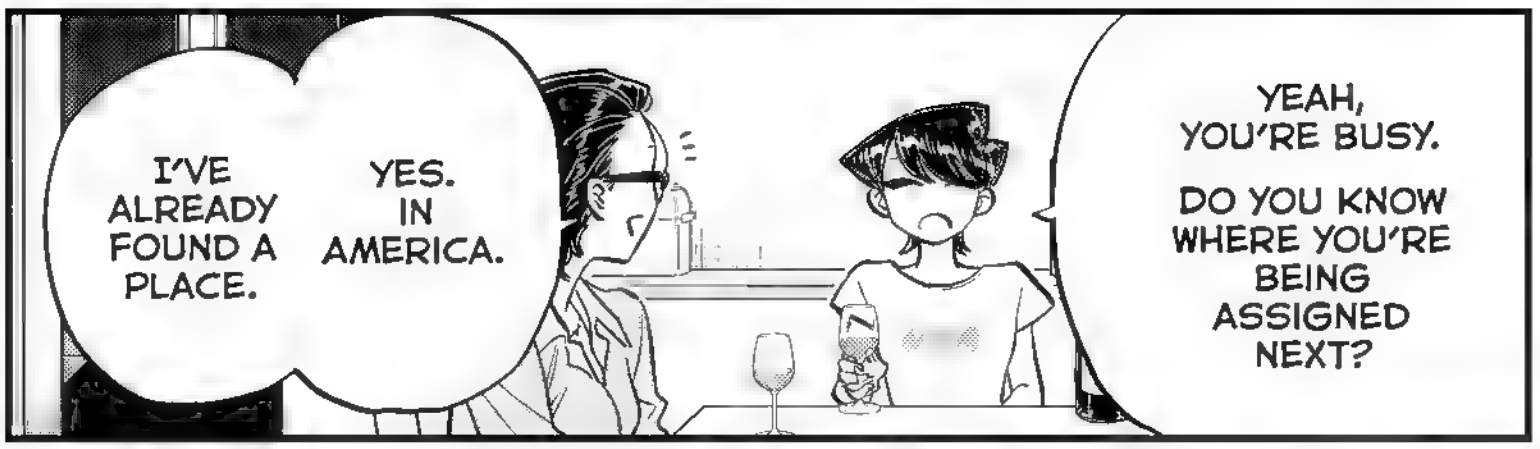
DO YOU HAVE TIME...

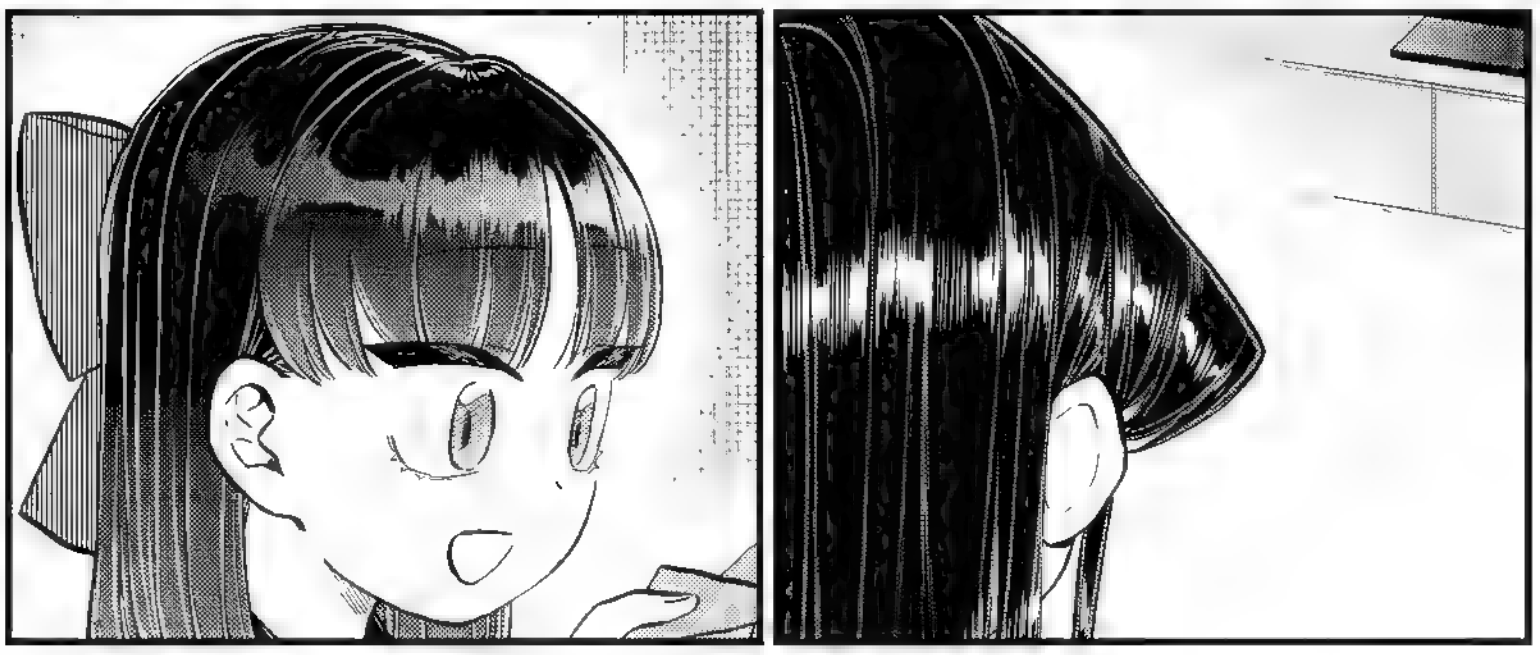
!
HE'S HOOOOOME!
HI, MASA! LONG TIME, NO SEE! YOU LOOK OLDER!

?!
?!
I was in the flash mob when he asked your mother out!


Ah ha ha!

...IN A LONG WHILE.
I HAVEN'T SEEN REI HAVE SUCH A GOOD TIME...


I'VE ALREADY FOUND A PLACE.
YES. IN AMERICA.
YEAH, YOU'RE BUSY.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE BEING ASSIGNED NEXT?

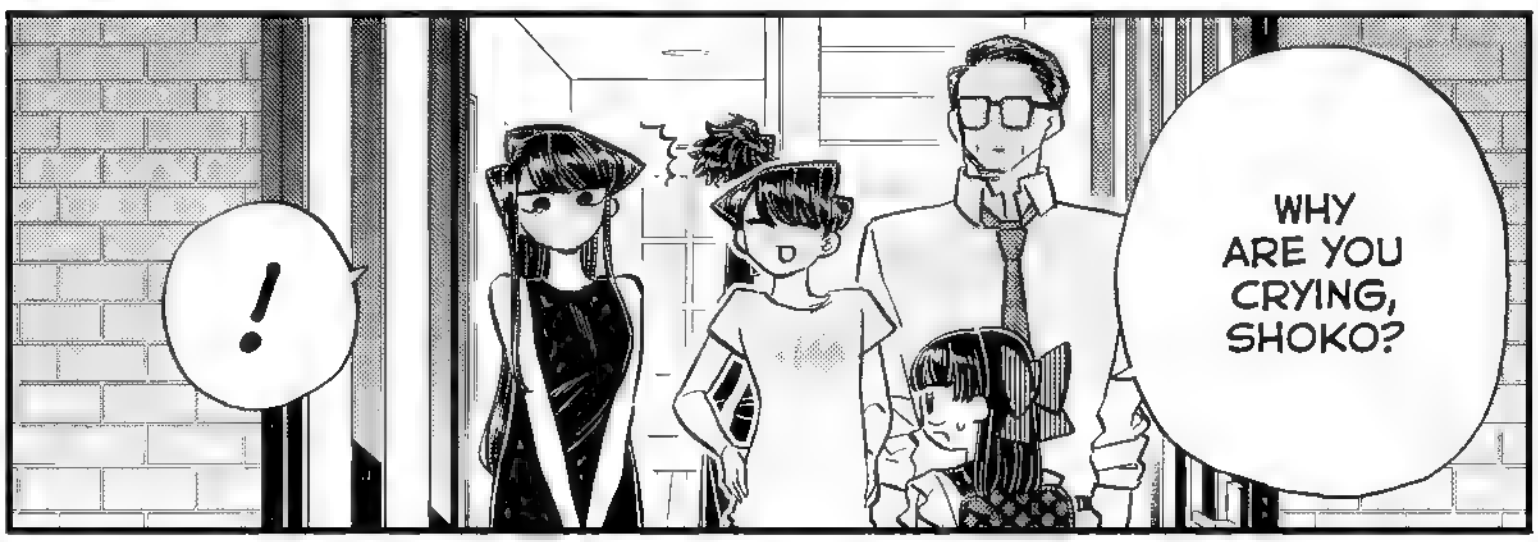


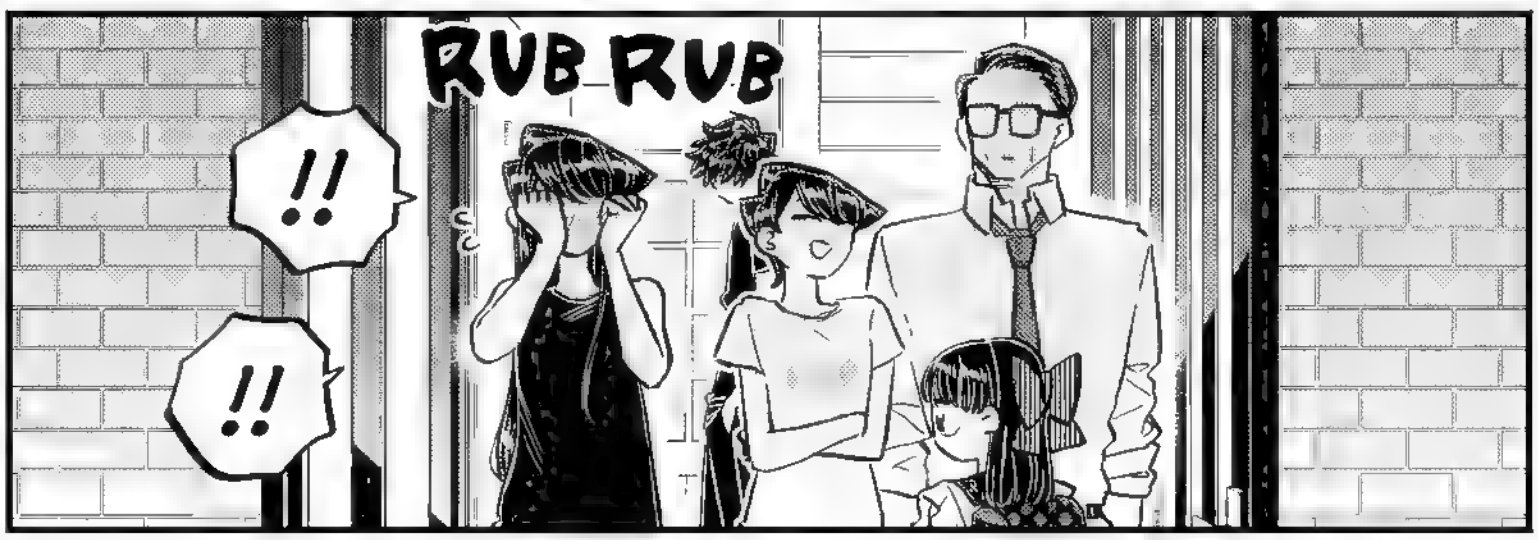
WELL ...
...LET'S GO, REI.
!
NOD
...

I ALREADY CALLED A TAXI.
DRUNK
NO! YOU SHOULD STAY THE NIGHT!

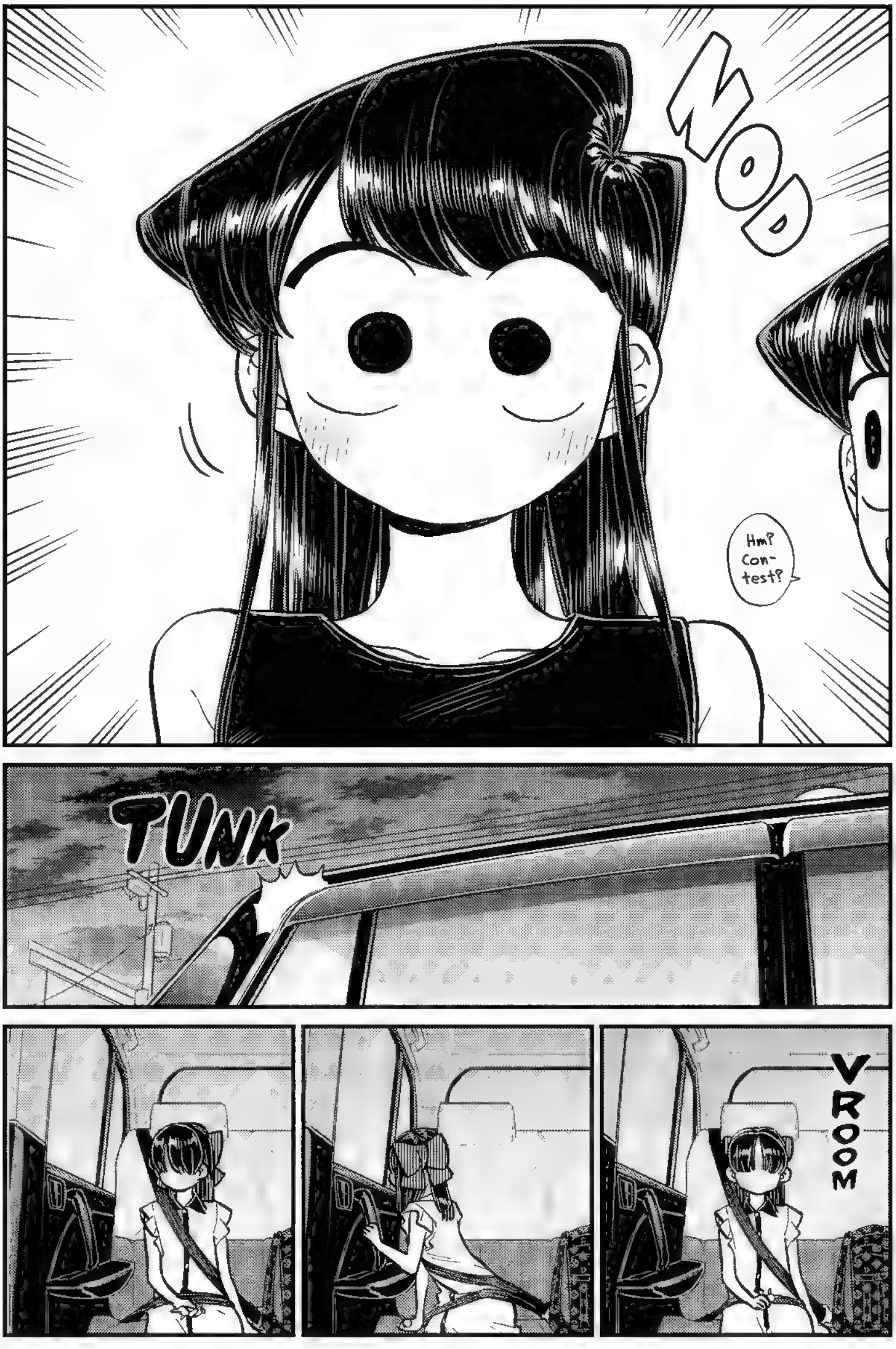
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP THIS WEEK!
WELL, GOODBYE!
ANY-TIME!
NO PROBLEM!

BLOOP
!


!
WHY ARE YOU CRYING, SHOKO?


RUB RUB
!!
!!

!
OUR CONTEST IS STILL ON, RIGHT?
...A HUNDRED FRIENDS FIRST?
WANT TO SEE WHO CAN REACH...
TMP TMP


NOD
Hm? Con-test?
TUNK
VROOM

SNIFF
SOB

REI?

NO...
I KNOW THIS IS HARD FOR YOU.
I'M SORRY.

I'LL MAKE NEW FRIENDS WHEREVER WE GO.

I'LL BE FINE.

HUG

MY DAUGH-TER'S AN *ANGEL!*

?!

YOU'RE SUCH AN ANGEL!

MOM !!

MOM, THE DRIVER IS LOOKING.

IT'S TOO HOT FOR HUGS, MOM.

PUT ON YOUR SEATBELT, MOM!

LET GO NOW, OKAY?

LOCKERS !!!

BUS 7405

SCHOOL BUSES !!!

AMER-ICA!!!

THIS IS YOUR LOCKER.

OKAY, THANK YOU.

TUNK

Soke chuuuu

!

BUMP

!

CHATTER CHATTER

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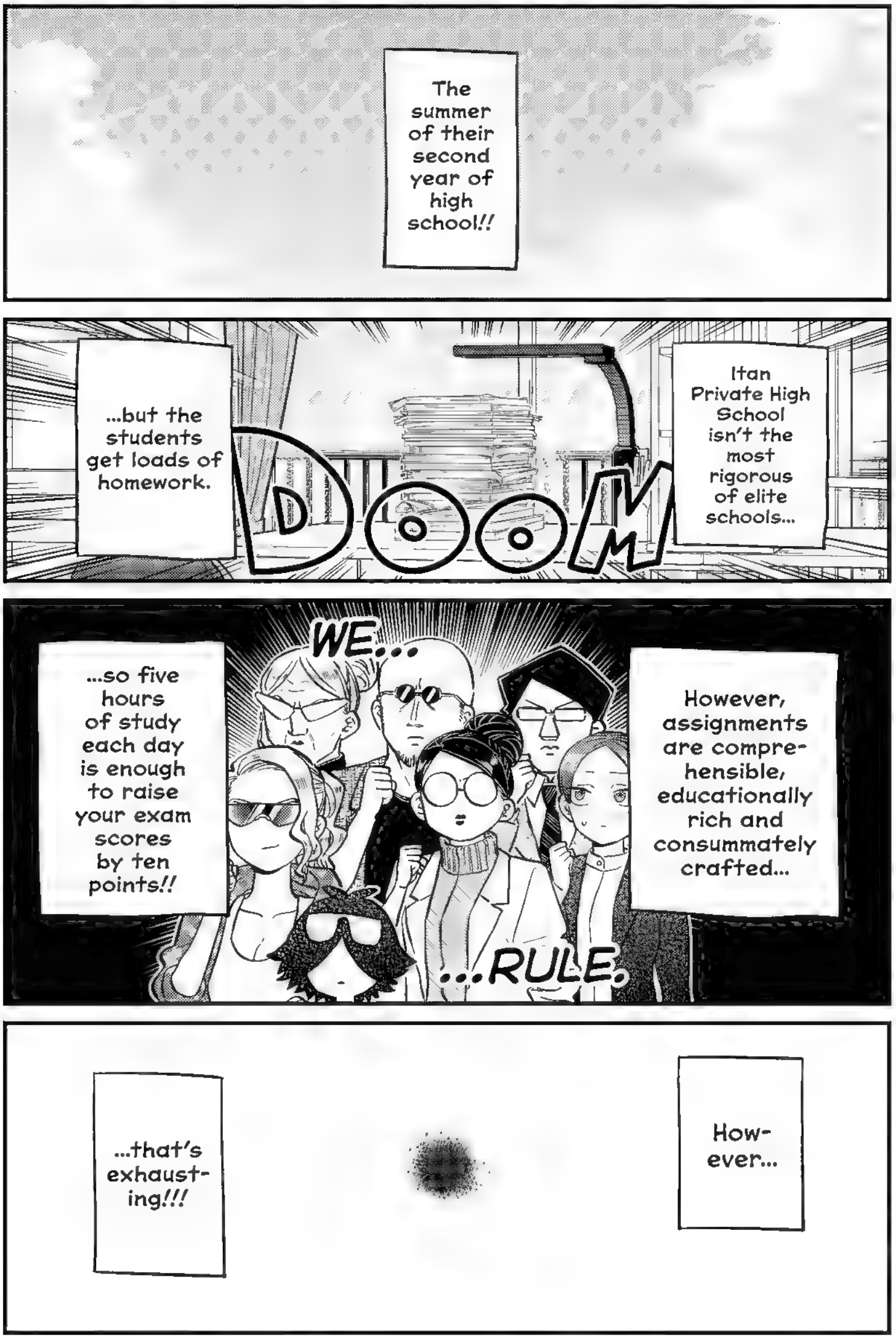

The summer of their second year of high school!!
...but the students get loads of homework.
DOOM
Itan Private High School isn't the most rigorous of elite schools...
...so five hours of study each day is enough to raise your exam scores by ten points!!
WE...
...RULE.
However, assignments are comprehensible, educationally rich and consummately crafted...
...that's exhausting!!!
How-ever...

Communication 178: Summer Rendezvous

And deep concentration only lasts 45 minutes!

The average adult can only concentrate for 90 minutes at a time.

...not finishing until evening.

Including time for meals and other things means...

Midnight
Sleep
Free Time
Bath
Supper
6
Breakfast
Homework
Homework
Lunch
Noon

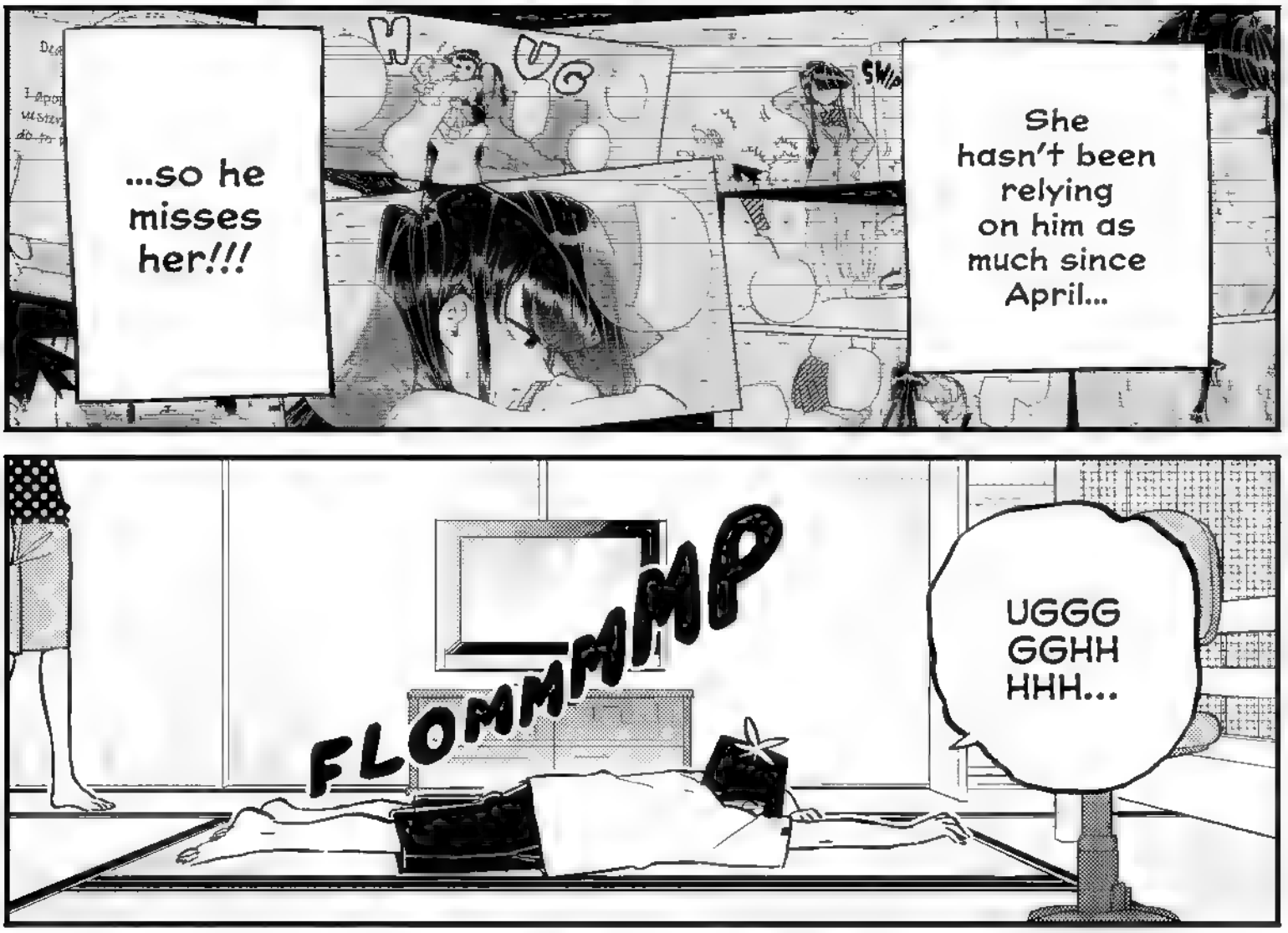
Five hours of deep concentration with intermittent 15-minute breaks extends the total time to six and a half hours!

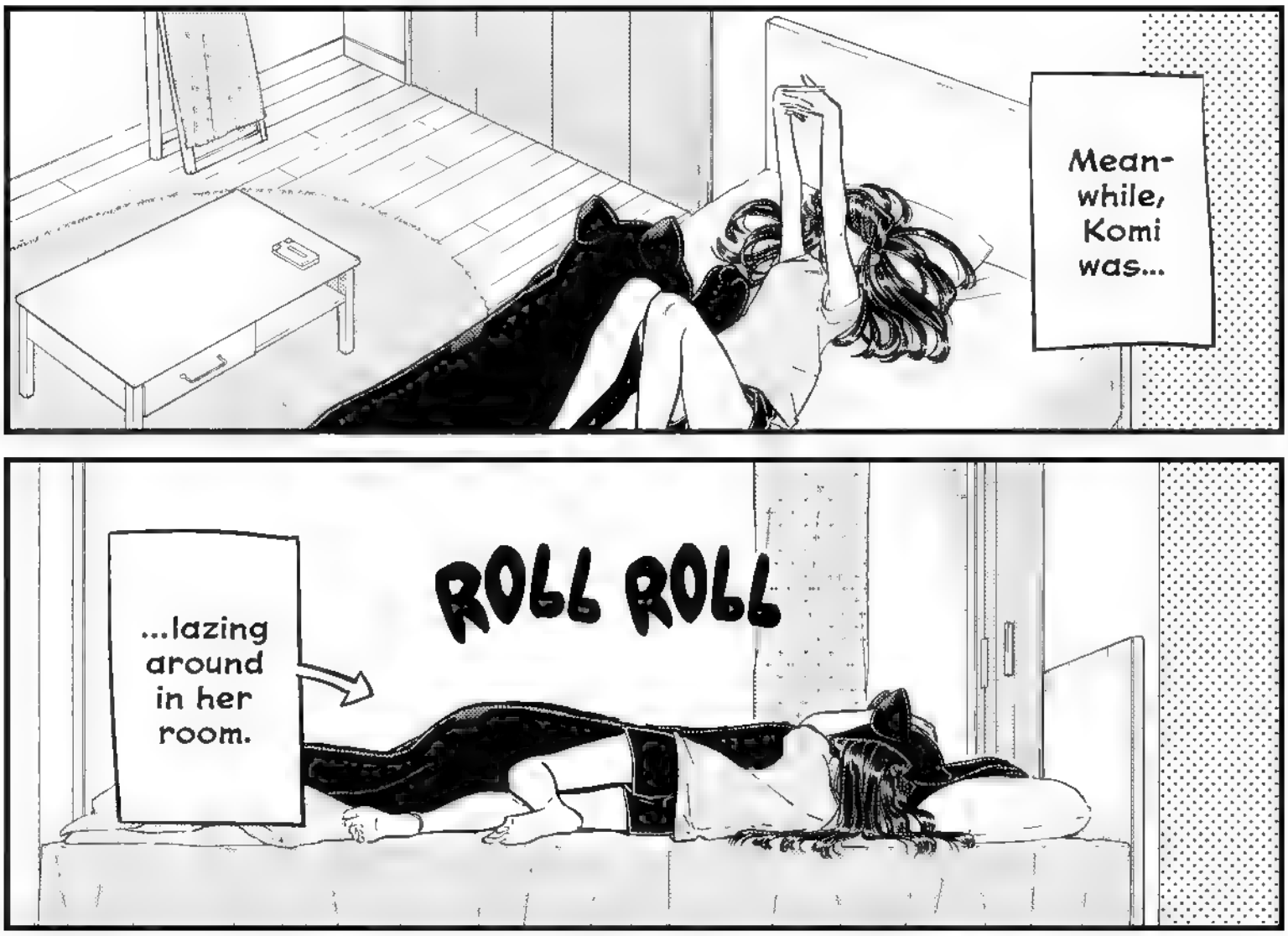
This is consuming Tadano's summer, and he's fatigued!!

And exhaustion!

...he was experiencing a Komi deficiency!!!

Furthermore...


...so he misses her!!!
HUG
She hasn't been relying on him as much since April...
FLOMMMP
UGGG GGHH HHH...
Oof!
...BUT OUR COMMU-NICATION HAS DROPPED OFF...
...BECAUSE WE HARDLY SEE EACH OTHER.
SLOMMMP
WELL, WE NEVER EXACTLY TALKED...
I NEVER TALK TO KOMI ANYMORE.
This deficiency is grave indeed!!!
UARRR GGGHH HHH...
Are you a zombie?


Mean-
while,
Komi
was...
...lazing
around
in her
room.
ROLL ROLL

Has
nothing
to do...
So
she's
bored
!!!
...because
she did
most
of her
homework
the first
week

...so commu-nication with her close companion ceased abruptly.

Rei left one day ago...

POP POP PWAH PWAH PWAH PWAH

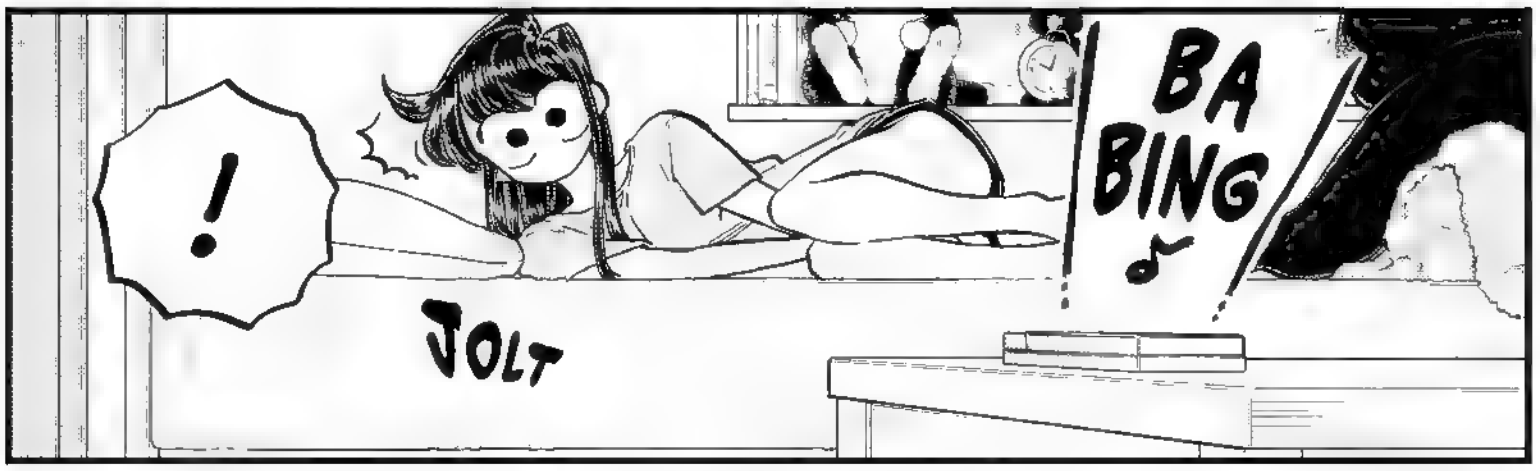
She's bored and lonely!!

...

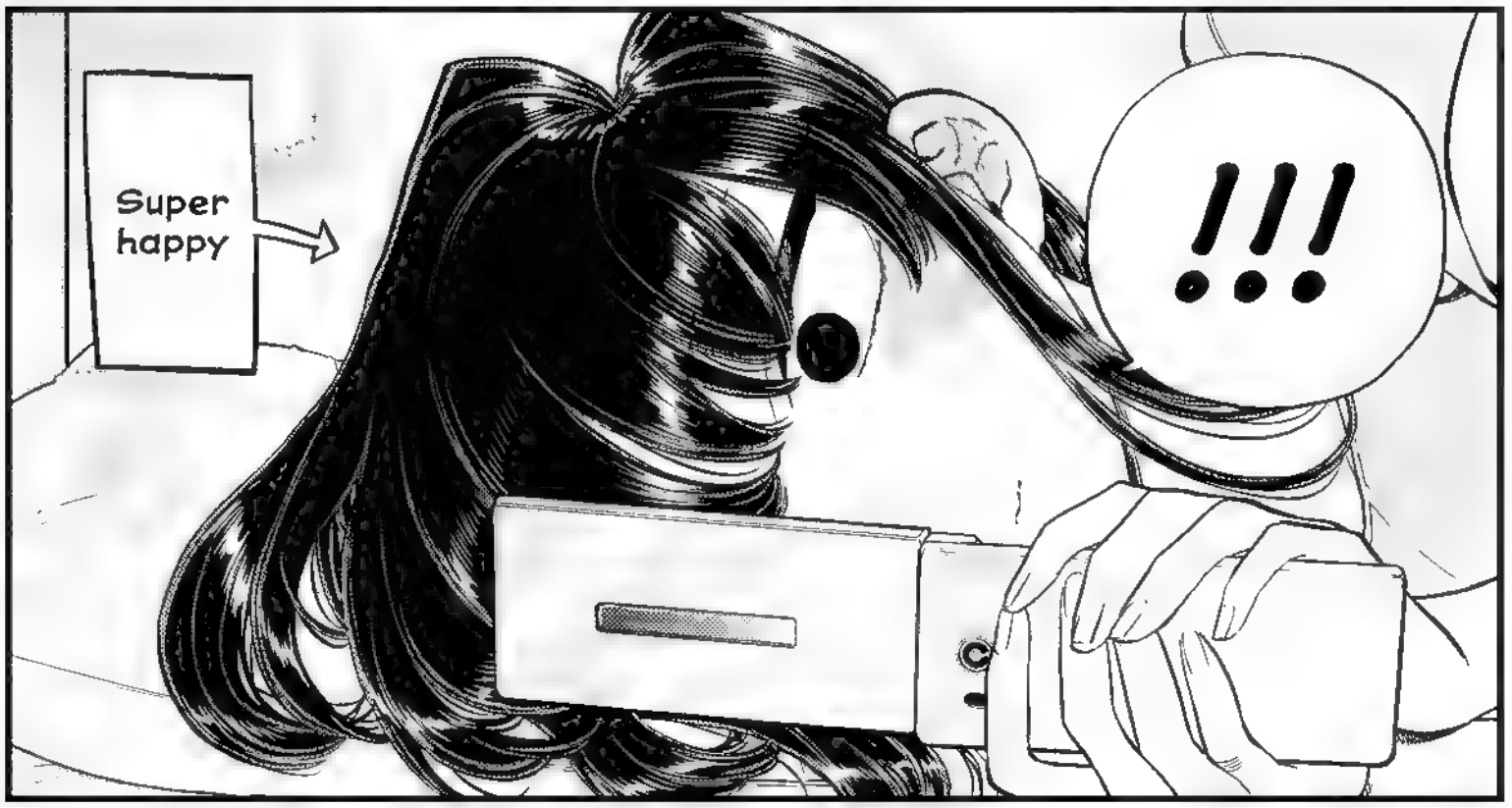
...she was experiencing a Tadano deficiency!!!

Further-more...

...but she actually wanted more attention !!!
Since April, she has tried not to rely on Tadano so much...
Feels like she hardly ever sees him
But they were inseparable last year.
This deficiency is grave indeed!!!
Lonely

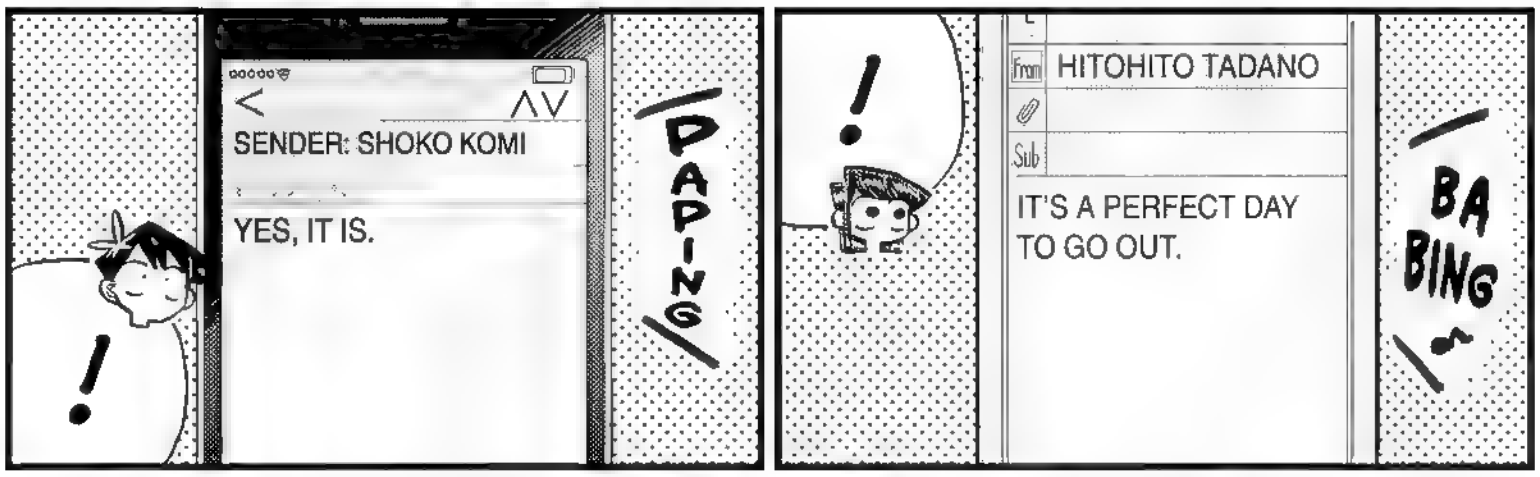

!
JOLT
BA BING

!!
From HITOHITO TADANO
Sub
IT'S HOT AGAIN TODAY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
TAK TAK


Super happy
!!!

...Tadano was berating himself.
UGH! IT'S SO BOR-ING!
WAIT. WHAT DID I WRITE?!
GAH! I SENT IT!
Mean-while...

!
PAPING
!!
SENDER: SHOKO KOMI
YES, IT'S HOT.
I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING.
Super happy
!!!
...Komi was berating herself.
"Why did I write something so boring?!"
TREMMMMBLE
Mean-while...

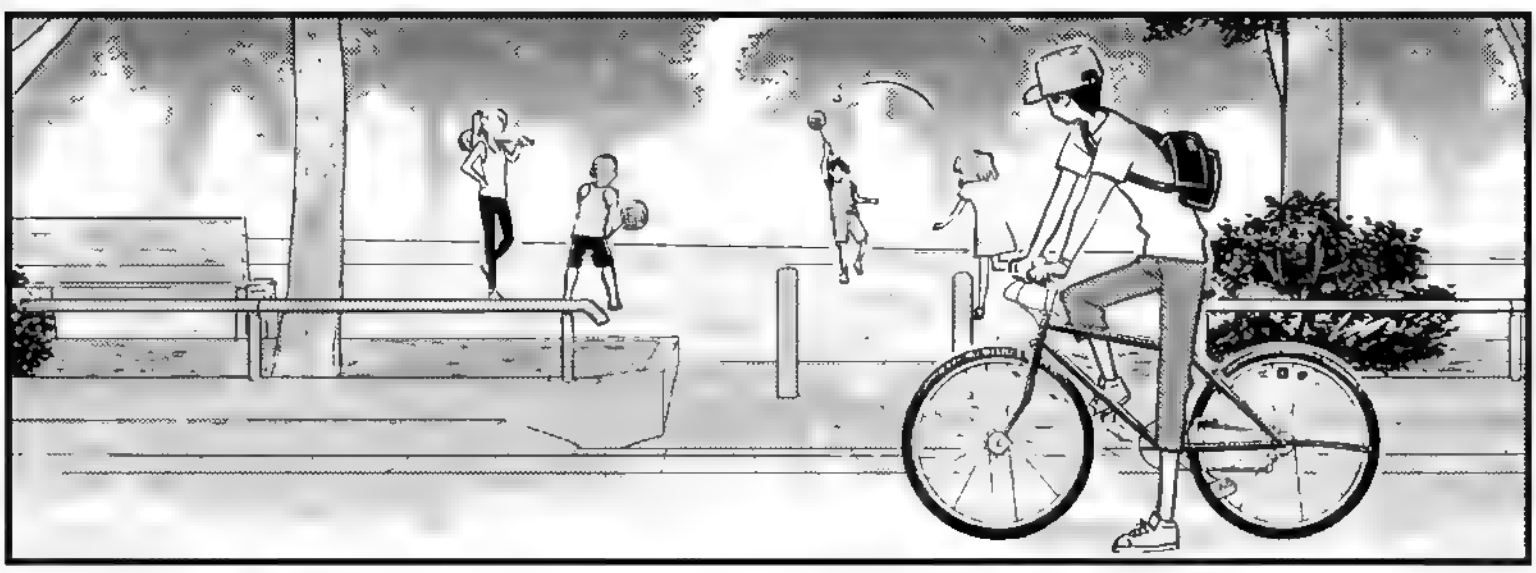

SENDER: SHOKO KOMI
YES, IT IS.
PAPING
From HITOHITO TADANO
Sub
IT'S A PERFECT DAY TO GO OUT.
BA BING

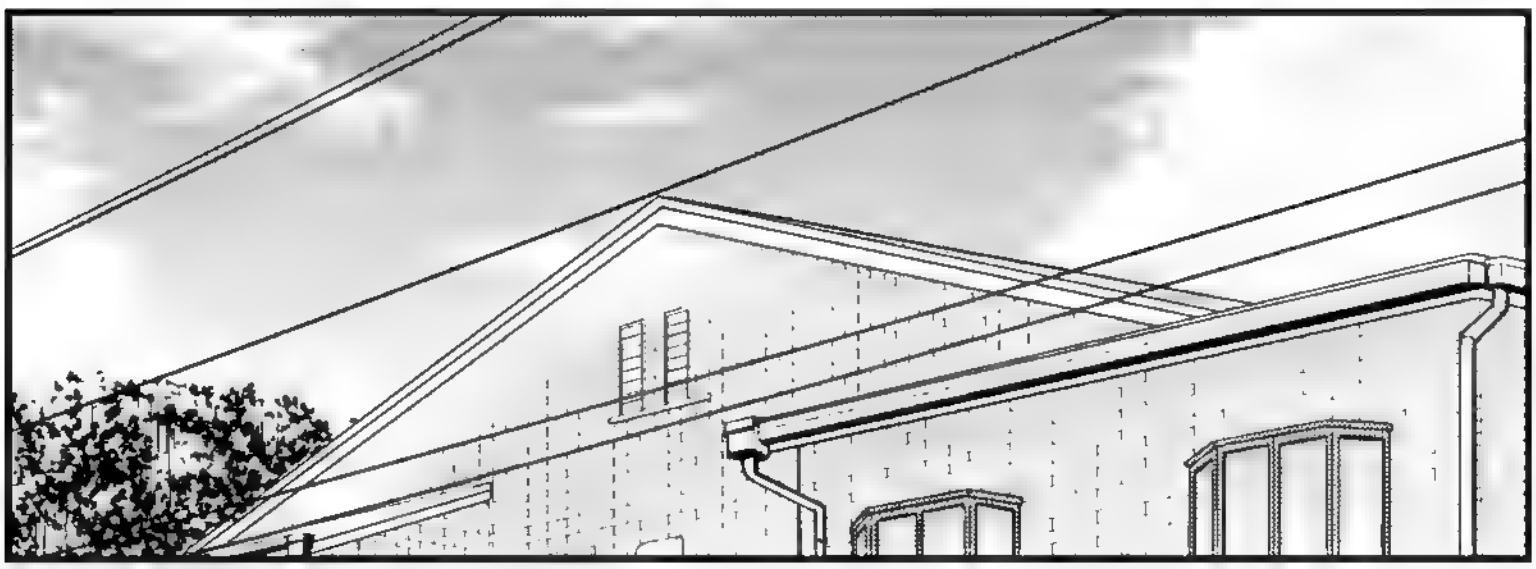
SOUNDS NICE. I RAN INTO ONEMINE AT THE PARK RECENTLY. WE BLEW BUBBLES WITH REI.
LIKE TO A PARK.

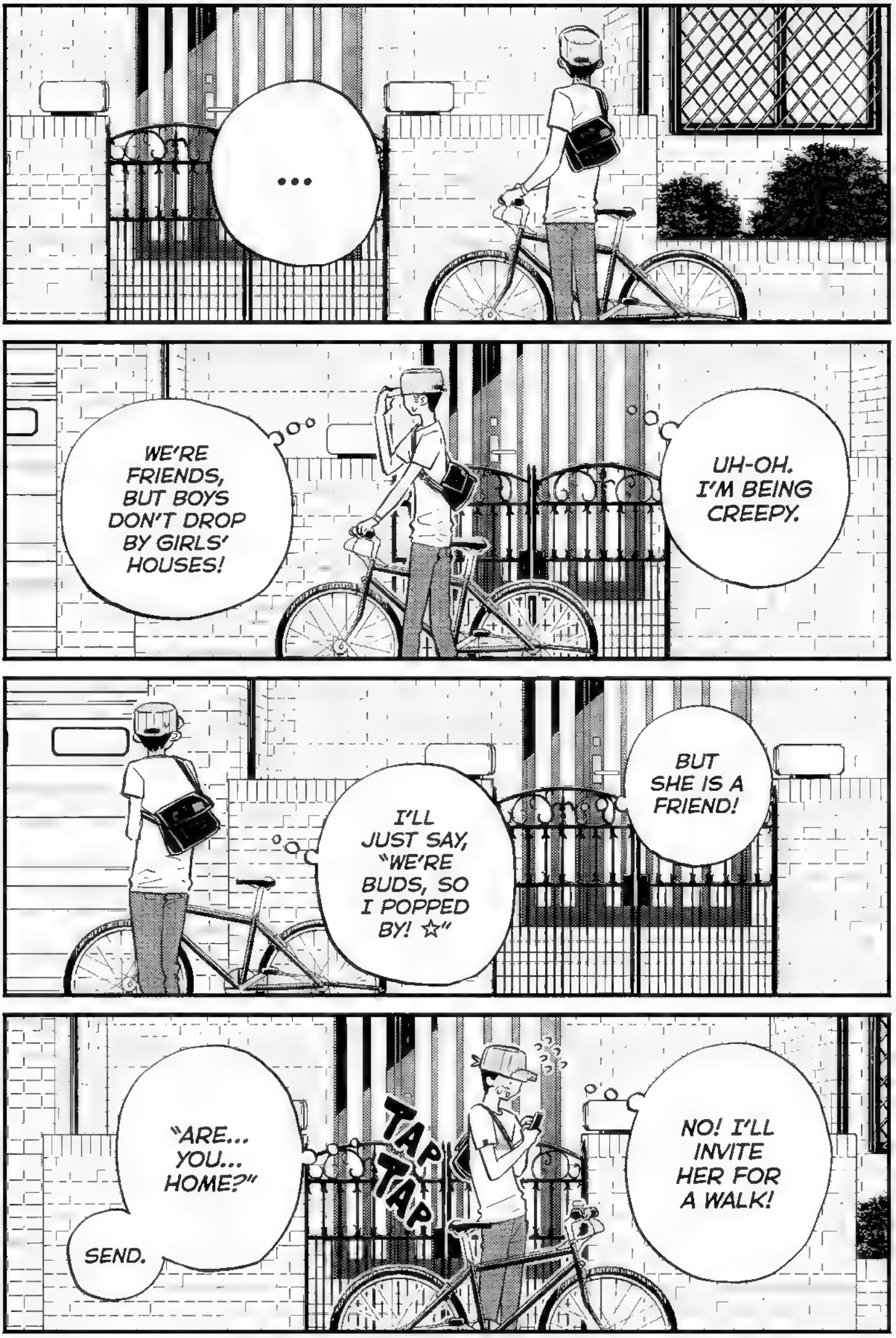
NOT AT ALL. I WAS HAPPY TO HELP YOU.
SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE LAST TIME. FOR YOUR HELP.
OH, RIGHT. REI LEFT. HOW HAVE YOU BEEN WITHOUT HER?

NEITHER CAN ASK THE OTHER OUT!!

CHIRR
CHIRR
I NEED SOME FRESH AIR.






...
WE'RE FRIENDS, BUT BOYS DON'T DROP BY GIRLS' HOUSES!
UH-OH. I'M BEING CREEPY.
I'LL JUST SAY, "WE'RE BUDS, SO I POPPED BY! ☆"
BUT SHE IS A FRIEND!
"ARE... YOU... HOME?"
SEND.
TAP TAP
NO! I'LL INVITE HER FOR A WALK!

!

SENDER: SHOKO KOMI

NO, I'M OUT NOW.

BA BING

...

...

GUESS I'LL GO HOME.

"I'M... OUT... TOO."

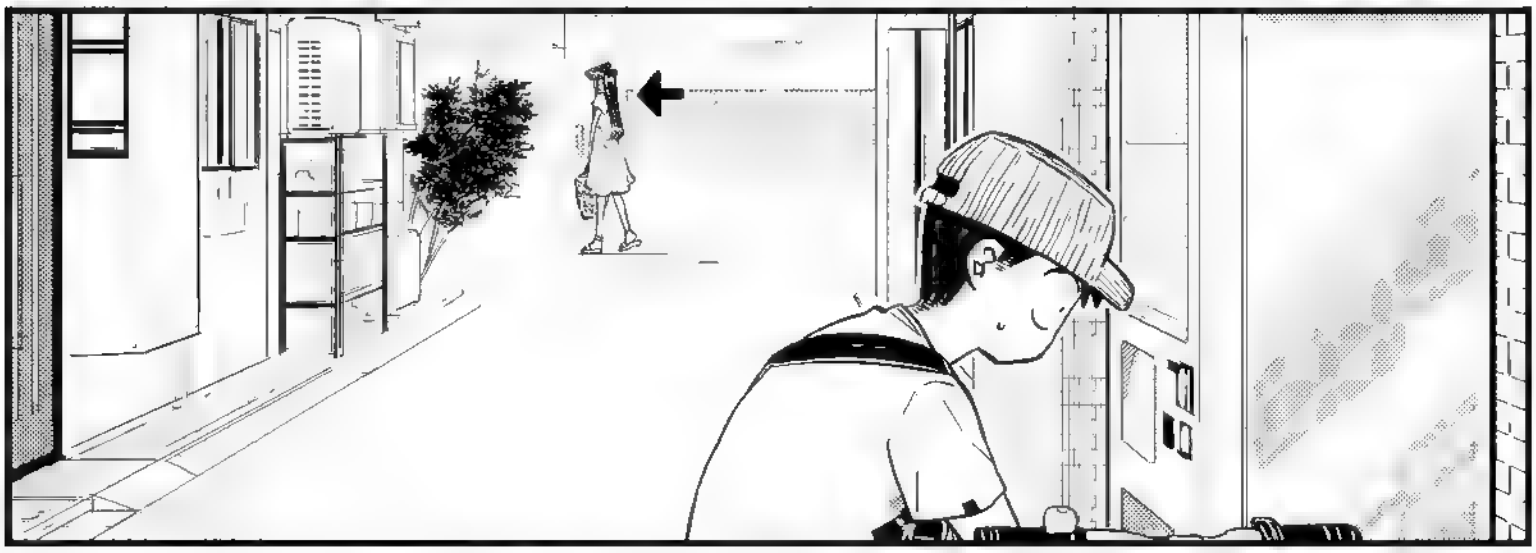
TAP TAP

WHAT ABOUT YOU, TADANO?

BA BING

!
From HITOHITO TADANO
I'M OUT TOO. WHAT A COINCIDENCE. (LOL)
BA BING ~
...
The park by Tadano's apart-ment
...
...

I NEED TO BUY A DRINK.



Summer
KATOEN
SHEEN

NOW I'LL GO...

...DO HOME-WORK AT THE LIBRARY.

TEA

--

!

CHILL

AHH... IT'S COOL IN HERE!

Communication 178 — The End

One day, a message arrived.

"Katai's dojo has a projector, right?"

"We can show horror movies and freak out!"

"Let's have a sleepover!"

"So we'll always remember this summer!"

It was from Najimi.

"SOUNDS... GOOD."

SEND.

ARE THE GIRLS COMING?

KATAI'S FAMILY RUNS A DOJO?

I'VE NEVER VISITED.

*Amaz-ing.

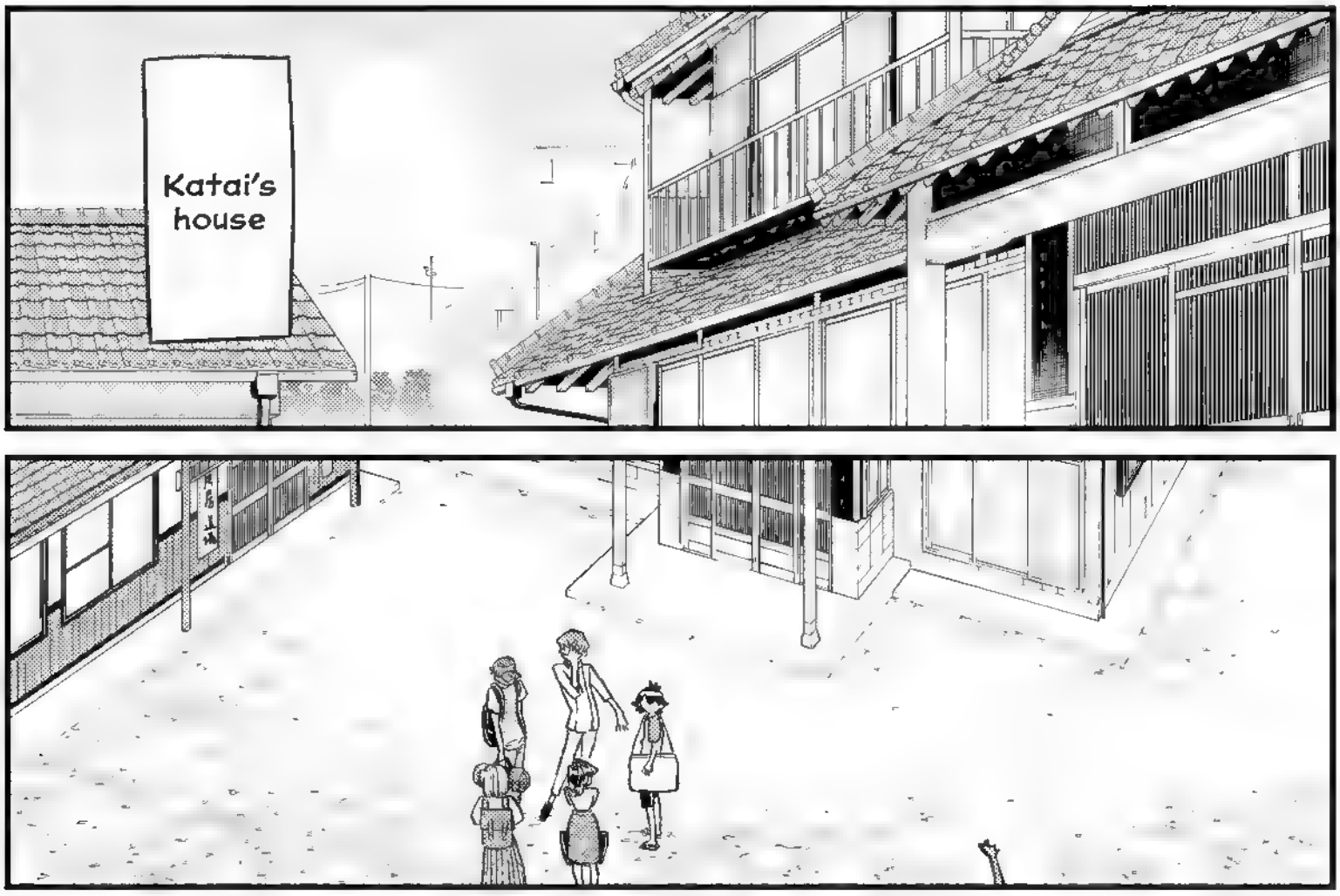
WILL THE BE BOYS THERE?

THAT SOUNDS AMAZE-BALLS*!

I'LL GET TO SEE KOMI AGAIN! ♪

AND WE'RE GONNA WATCH HORROR MOVIES!

Communication 179: The Fearsome Katai Clan


Katai's house

NAJIMI WILL BE LATE.
Even though Najimi planned this.
HM? WHERE'S NAJIMI?
WE HAVEN'T HUNG OUT SINCE THE BEACH!! HOW YA BEEN?!

CLOP
HUH? SORRY.
I... I WASN'T ASKING YOU, TADANO!!

STIFF & FORMAL

HE MUST BE NERVOUS !!

Makoto Katai

Uh...

...hi.

...

paradis

Never done this before

C...

Come this way.

CLOP

!

SLOW DOWN

TOOT-

TA-

TOOT-

TOOT

BRING IT

A BEEFED-UP BICYCLE?!

Ai Katai
(Younger sister)

...Y-YEAH.

HUH? UH...

CLANK

...YOUR YOUNGER SISTER?

UM...

OUCH!

WHOA

DON'T BE NERVOUS, DORKO!

?!

Hey!

RRRIP

And take off that bow tie!!

STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP

!!

YOUR SISTER'S VICIOUS.

...

ll rough her up ater

OH NO! TADANO WILL THINK I'M UNCOOL BECAUSE MY LITTLE SISTER DOMINATES ME!

KATAI DOJO

CHILDREN WELCOM

GLOMP

!

HALT!!

K

This is our dojo.

?

?!

BWA BWA

...

Ken Katai
(Father)

YOU MUST BOW BEFORE ENTERING A DOJO!!

HARD-CORE?

Just ignore his scowls.

?

?

DAD'S HARD-CORE. HE DOESN'T TALK MUCH.

BWA BWA

...

RESPOND !!

WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER ME?!

!!

...THE DOJO.

MAYBE HE WANTS US TO BOW BEFORE ENTERING...

Katai's father took a liking to Tadano.

Happy that Tadano under-stood →

BLUSH

THAT YOUNG MAN HAS POTENTIAL!

?!

They enter.

They bow.

BOW

He's scary!

*You're wrong.

K-Kometani too?!

NO WAY. HE'S GLARING AT US!

THE BOY'S GOT POTEN-TIAL!

I THINK HE'S THANKING US FOR BEING FRIENDS WITH KATAI.

THANK YOU FOR BEFRIEND-ING MAKOTO AT SCHOOL.

BWA BWA

IT'S SO SPACIOUS!

SPIRIT

DJ

YES, INDEED!

YEAH!

AND NOT HOT AT ALL!

IT'LL BE COMFY TO SLEEP IN HERE!

Father leaves the dojo.

WHEN DID YOU GET SO STRONG?! YOU'VE GROWN! AND IT MAKES ME PROUD TO SEE HOW—

MAKOTO! HOW DARE YOU?!

SHUV SHUV

SHUV

Y-YOU CAN LEAVE NOW, DAD!

BUILDINGS TRAP HEAT IN THE SUMMER, BUT OUR DOJO EXCELS IN VENTI-LATION BECAUSE—

...

...

GLOMP

?!

DADOOM

WELL, WHAT SHALL WE DO FIRST?

SHE'S JUST LIKE HER HUSBAND !!

BWA BWA

...

WELCOME TO OUR HOME.

YOUR BEDDING IS OVER HERE.

Misao Katai
(Mother)

Mother leaves the dojo.

WHEN DID YOU GET SO STRONG?! YOU'VE GROWN! AND IT MAKES ME PROUD TO SEE HOW–

LEAVE US ALONE! BESIDES, YOU DON'T USUALLY DRESS THAT WAY!

MAKO! DON'T TELL THEM THAT!

SHUV SHUV

SHUV

GOOD-BYE, MOM!

BE CAREFUL NOT TO MAKE CRUMBS OR SPILL DRINKS.

...

...

YOU'RE TALKING MORE, KATAI.

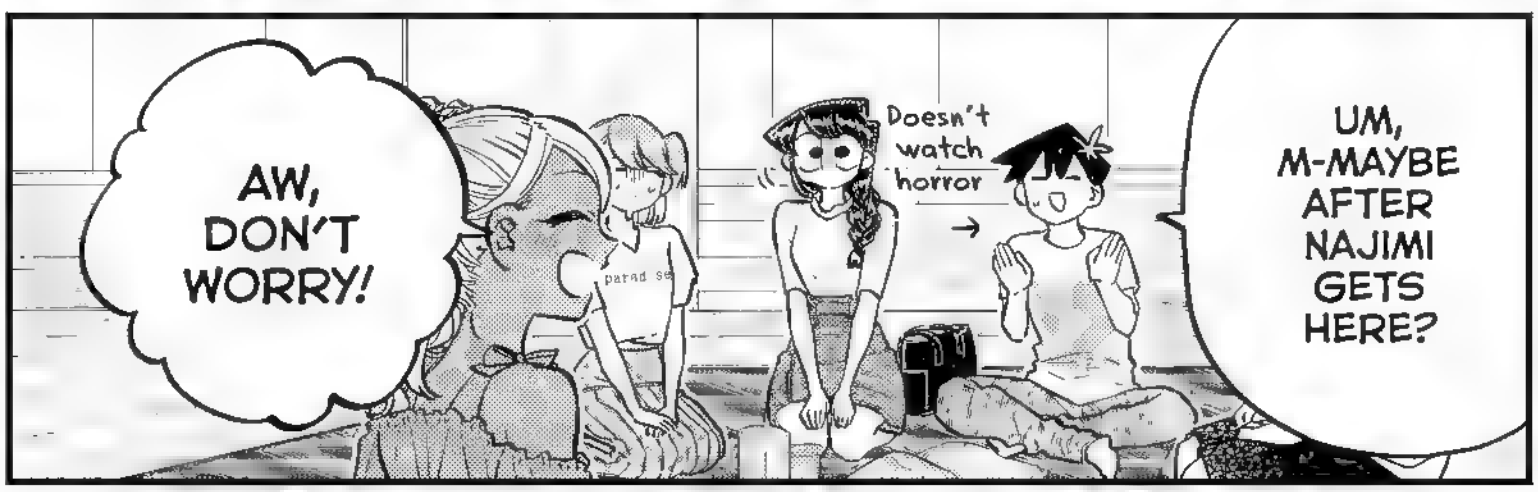
AND YOU DON'T SOUND SO HARSH.

I LIKE YOU BETTER THIS WAY!

...!

OH...
REALLY?
LOVE

!!
KYAAAAAAH
WANNA WATCH A MOVIE?!
SLIPSLEBOUND
108


AW, DON'T WORRY!
Doesn't watch horror
UM, M-MAYBE AFTER NAJIMI GETS HERE?

TEN?!

I BROUGHT *LOTS* OF MOVIES!!

Ten more!!

Occult! Psycho Killer! Disaster! Sci-fi! Gothic!

JOLT

BA BING

IS *NAJIMI EAVES-DROPPING ON US?!*

YAY! ✌✌✌ HAVING FUN? I'M GOING TO BE A LITTLE LATE, SO START THE MOVIES! 😭😭😭😭😭

NAJIMI OSANA

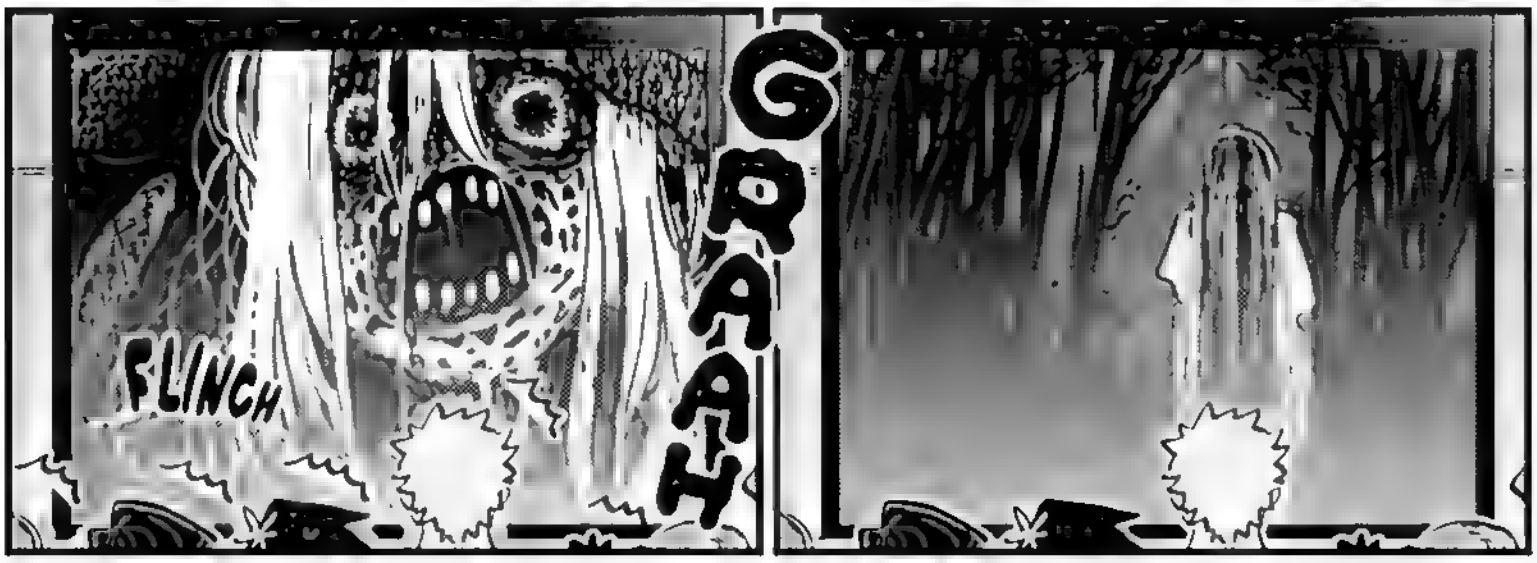
YAY! ✌✌✌ HAVING FUN? I'M GOING TO BE A LITTLE LONGER SO START THE MOVIES! 😭😭😭😭😭

...SHALL WE START?

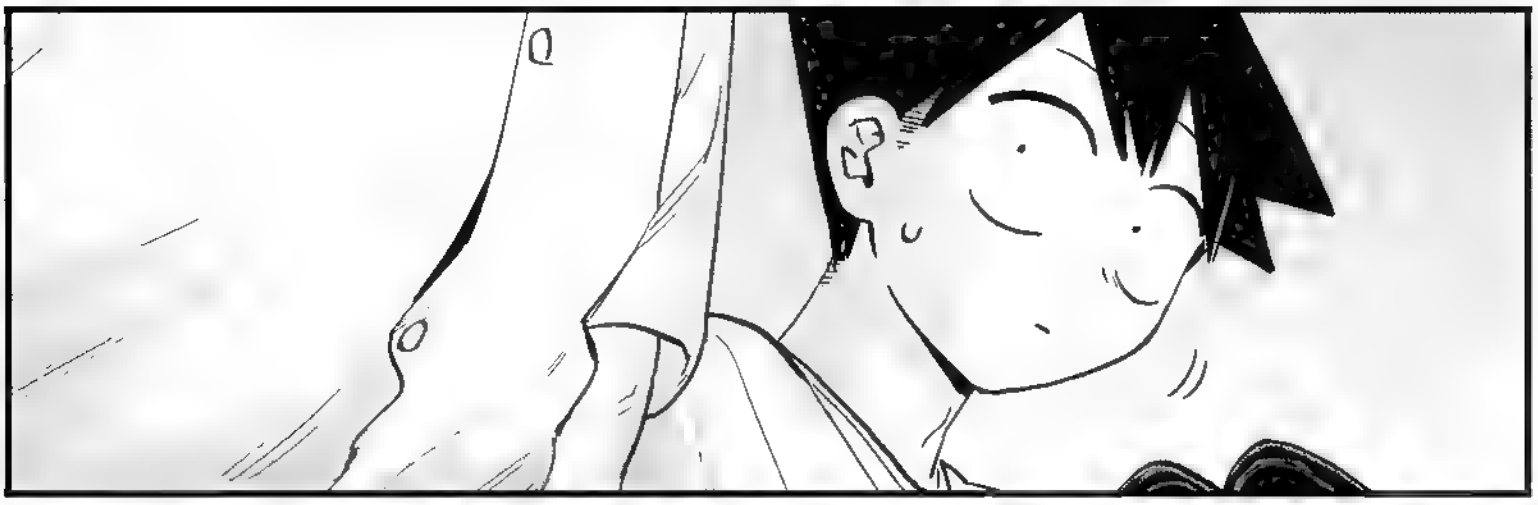
YAAAY!

WELL THEN...

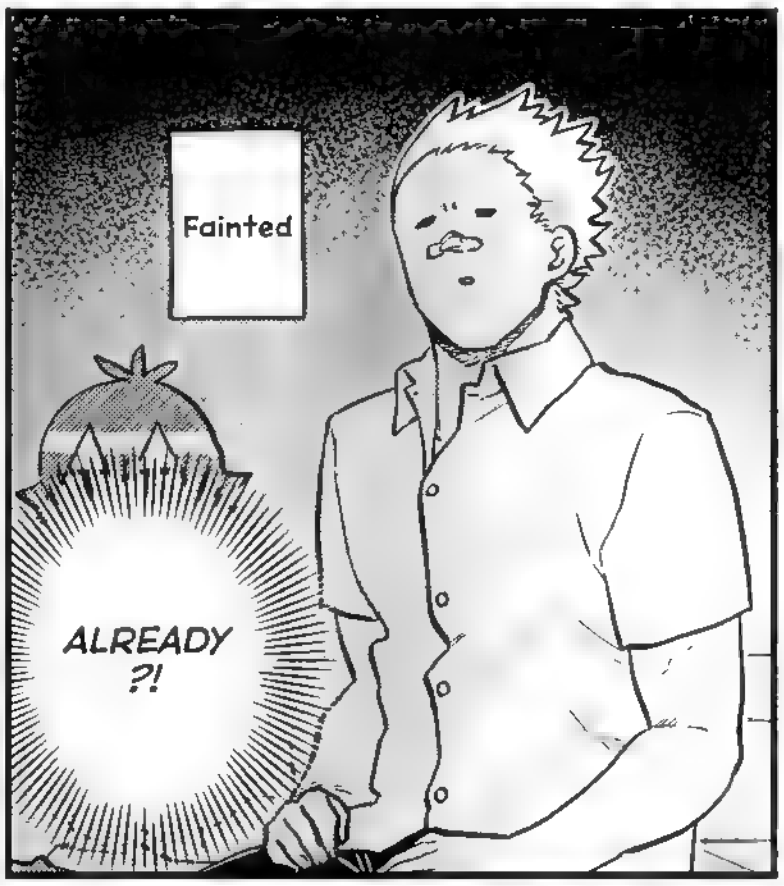
Doesn't like horror
Likes horror
WOOT
WOOT! THIS IS GETTING FUN!


FLINCH
GRAAH

Also likes watching people get scared by horror movies
SHAKE
SHAKE
AH HA HA! YOU JUMPED! YOU WERE SHAKING THE OTHER DAY AT YOUR HOUSE TOO!



KOMETANI LOOKS FINE...
...BUT ACTUALLY HE'S TREM-BLING!


Fainted
ALREADY ?!

Fainted
NARUSE TOO?!

GUSHH
ASE'S IN A COLD SWEAT!!

?!
TUG
GRIP

GR

AH

Tadano wasn't screaming because of the movie.

YIIIIIII-

IKES!!

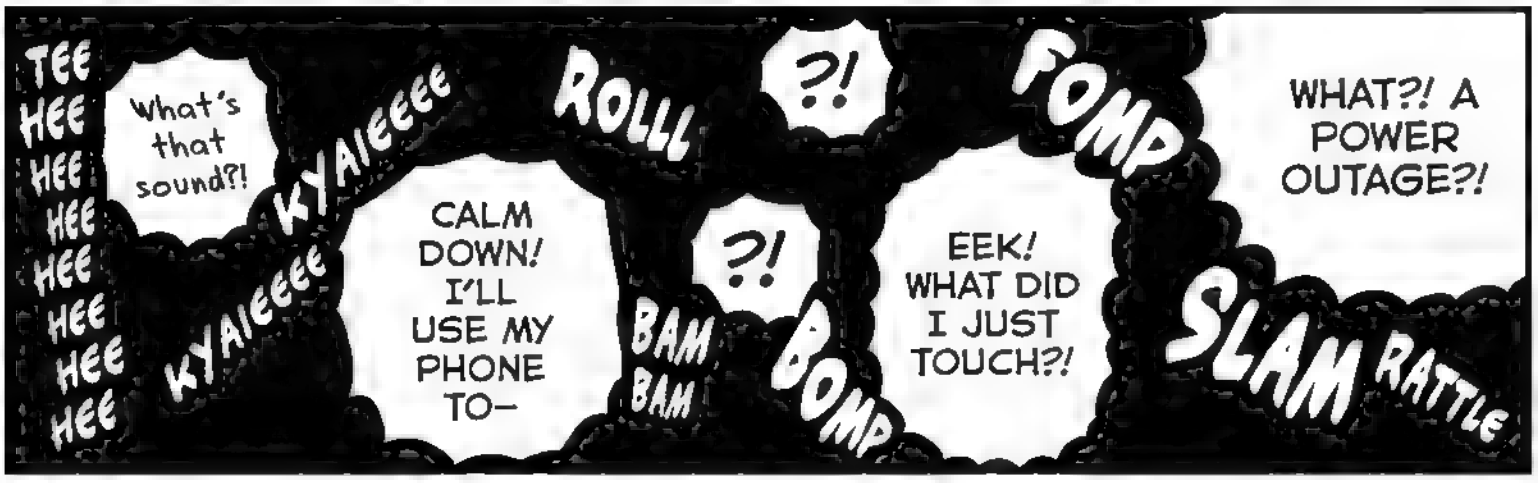
Minds blank from terror

Mind blank rom something else

WHEW! THAT WAS AWE-SOME!!

YOU ALL FREAKED OUT!

Ah ha ha!



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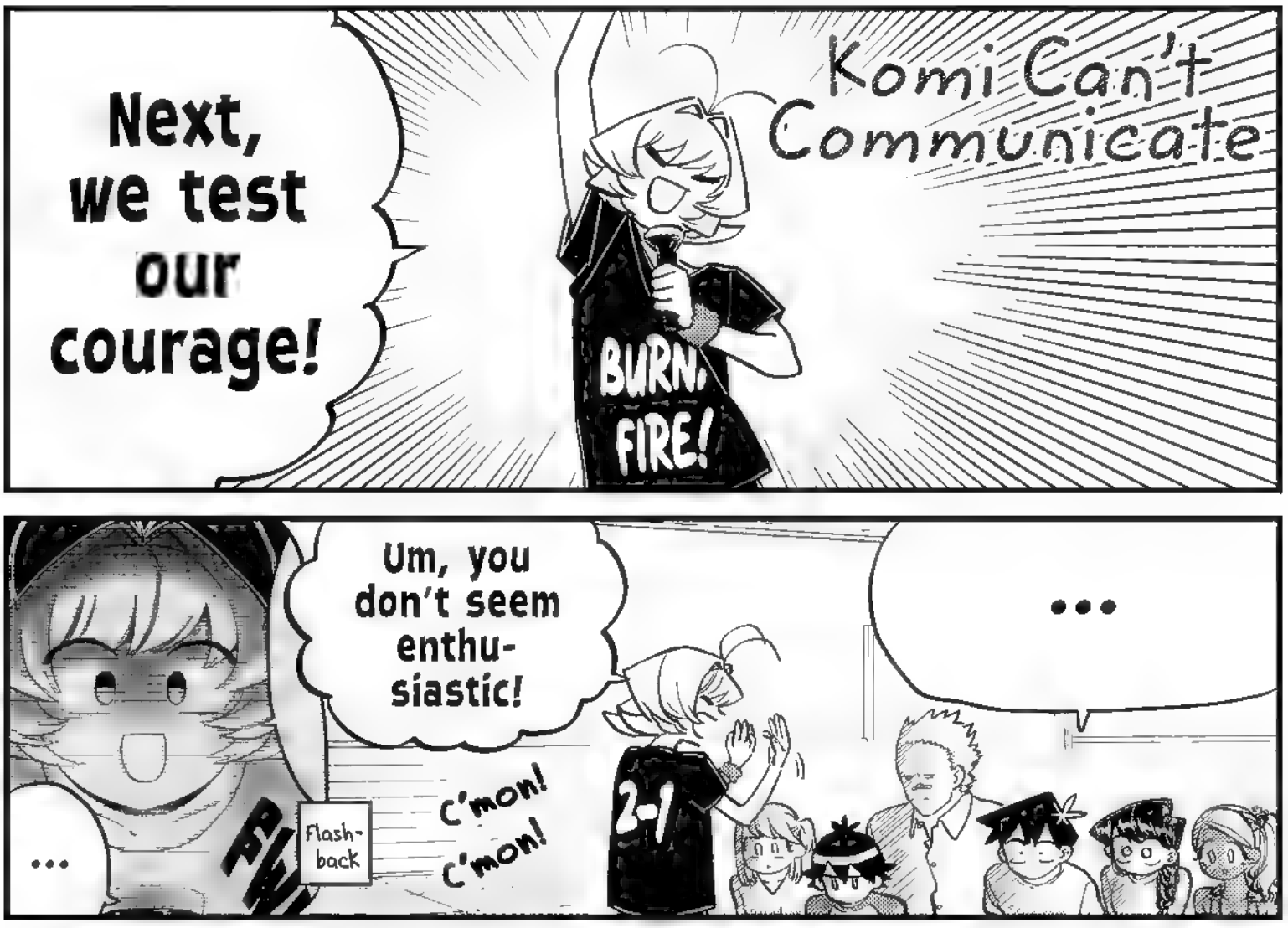

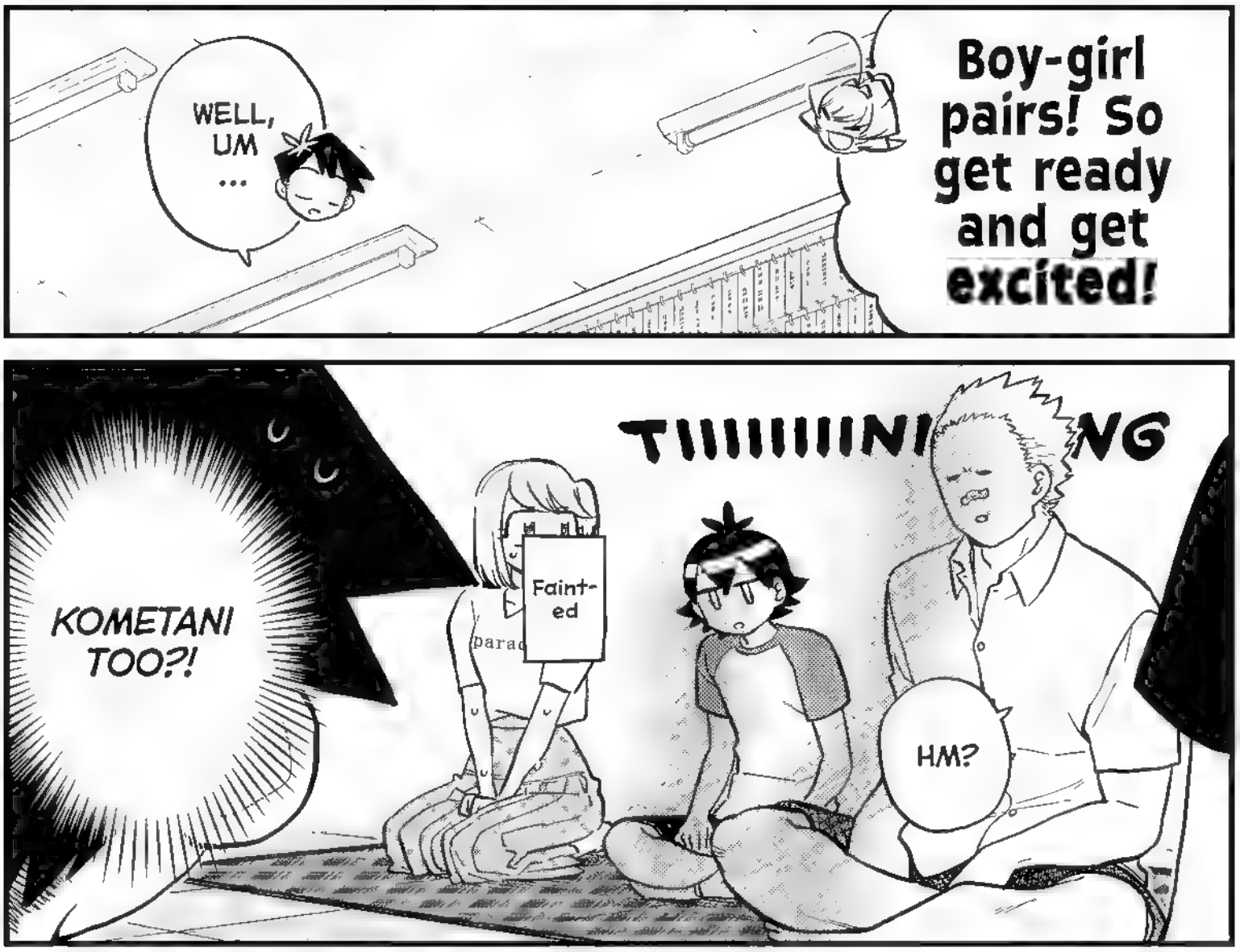

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HE'S ALIVE!!

Heh ...

WHAT ABOUT NARUSE ?

T

This prevents an opponent from winning unfairly by piling on combos.

In some action video games, a player becomes impervious for a short time after receiving significant damage.

2P

1P

Invincibility!!

Just like in a video game, he narrowly escaped!

...so he was able to escape Najimi's frightful announcement.

Naruse was already unconscious when the lights went out...

NARUSE TOO?!

THAT'S NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF!

Heh ...

ALL RIGHT, LET'S JUMP OUTSIDE!

?!

PYOING

...BUT YOU CAN GO TWICE, TADANO.

THAT DECREASES OUR NUMBERS...

...

SHLUF

SHLUF

BURN, FIRE!

TOMP

OKAY, LISTEN UP!!

WHAT A WASTE OF TIME.

DOOM

IT TOOK TWO WEEKS TO FIND THIS PLACE!

GLOOM

GO TO A TEMPLE 300 METERS IN THAT DIRECTION AND RETRIEVE A SEAL.

WE'LL DRAW LOTS. YOU DRAW TWO, TADANO!

THIS IS PRETTY SERIOUS ...

N

HEH ...

TH-THIS'LL BE FUN!

Pair 1: Ase & Naruse

...!!

TREMMMBLE

WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT?

Pair 2: Komi & Tadano

S-SORRY.

GRRRRR

I'M STUCK WITH *TADANO*?!

Pair 3: Manbagi & Tadano

BUT ONE MORE THING!

BURN. FIRE!

GET GOING, PAIR 1!!

paradise

SCARY ooo

...coming back is awful

Going isn't bad, but...

Beware the return path!

...SO BE CAREFUL.

WE ONLY HAVE ONE FLASH-LIGHT..

GLANCE

IT'S SO DARK!

NARUSE?!

Faint-ed

SWOO

YOU DON'T LIKE SCARY STUFF, HUH?

She woke him up.

BUT YOU'RE HIDING BEHIND ME...

OH... REALLY?

HEH! I'M NOT SCARED OF ANYTHING!

paradise

...

SEEP

...

AND I'M NOT CUTE LIKE RUMIKO OR KOMI...

...SO I'M THE WORST GIRL HERE!

SORRY YOU GOT STUCK WITH ME!

I'M SWEATY AND GROSS!

ASE, DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF.

HUH?

YOU TAKE CARE TO MANAGE YOUR SWEAT...

...SO OTHERS WILL NOT FEEL UNCOM-FORTABLE.

AND AFTER I NEARLY DROWNED AT THE BEACH...

...YOU STAYED BY MY SIDE.

ASE, YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO LOVE YOURSELF.

...!

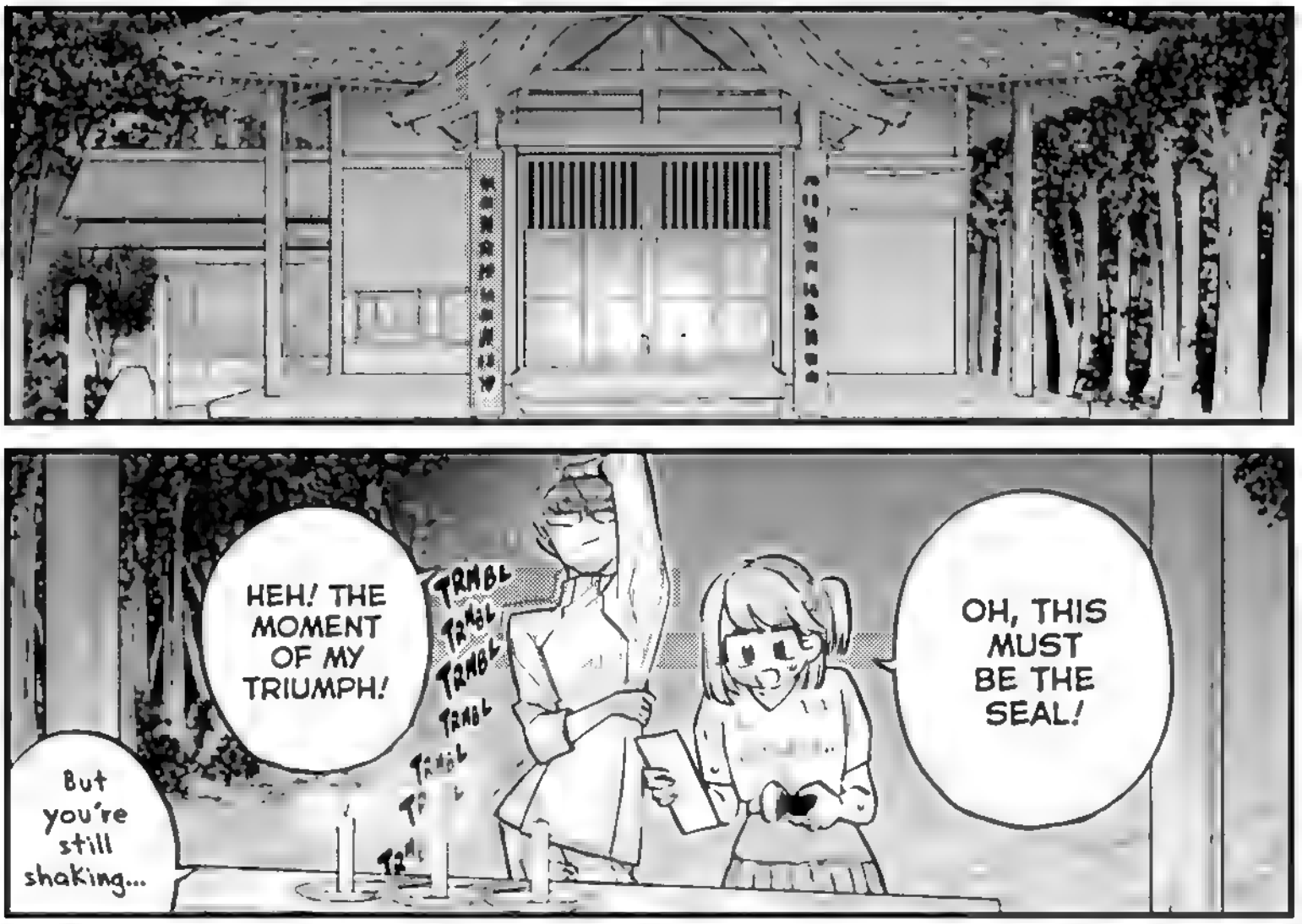
...

BUT YOU'RE HIDING BEHIND ME...

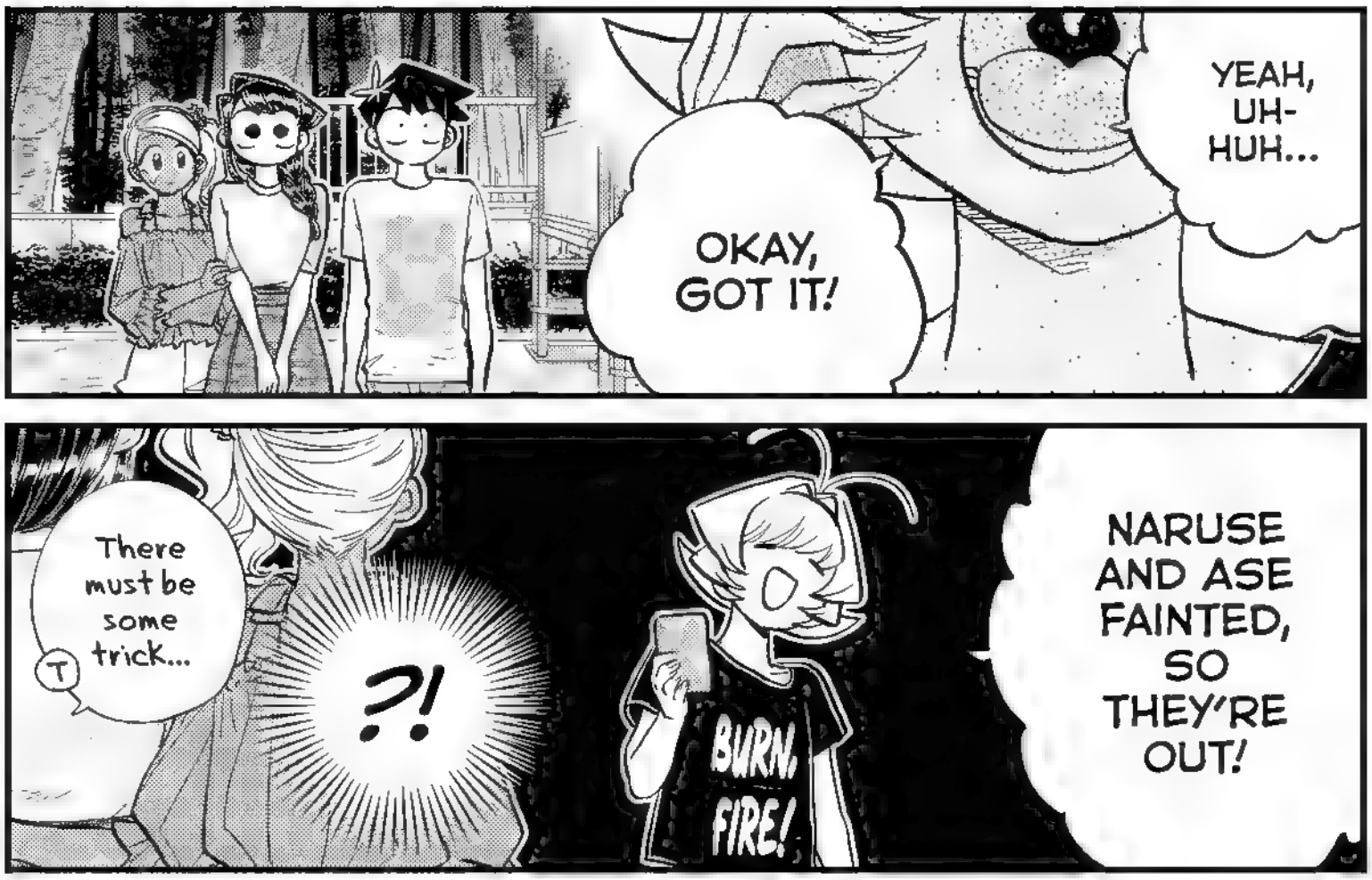
Eep!

RUSTLE

BUT I'M *PERFECT*, SO I CAN SEE WHY YOU MIGHT JUDGE YOUR-


HEH! THE MOMENT OF MY TRIUMPH!
TRMBL
But you're still shaking...
OH, THIS MUST BE THE SEAL!

PUSH
WELL, SHALL WE GO BACK?


YEAH, UH-HUH...
OKAY, GOT IT!
There must be some trick...
?!
BURN. FIRE!
NARUSE AND ASE FAINTED, SO THEY'RE OUT!
Komi & Tadano
TADU
UMMM
YOU TWO ARE NEXT!
HOLD HANDS WITH KOMI!!
?!
THIS WAY YOU CAN'T SPILL INFO ON YOUR SECOND RUN!
WHY THE BLIND-FOLD?

...
AND NO REMOVING THE BLINDFOLD!!
...
...

NOD
...
IS THIS ALL RIGHT?

KOMI'S HAND...

...IS COLD.

HE'S TOTALLY DIS-TRACTED.

AND SLENDER AND SOFT!!

...

NOD

UM ...

...WATCH YOUR STEP, OKAY?

...

N-NOD

FLINCH

ARE Y-YOU ALL RIGHT?

KOMI?

...

NOD

ARE YOU STILL OKAY?

...

NOD

Worried because she isn't saying anything

Komi forgot about his blindfold.

S-SORRY.

KOMI?!

Is this really your hand?!

RUSTLE

!!

VOLT

I just wanted a little confir-mation!!

PHEW

UM, TH-THAT'S ALL RIGHT!

?!

SHHHH

BURN, FIRE!

?!

?!

SHHHH

BURN, FIRE!

K-KOMI ?!

DID YOU HEAR A RUSTLE?

?!

HUG

!!

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

!!

SHAKE

SHHHH

2-1

HUH? UM, KOMI?

IF YOU'RE SCARED, SHOULD WE GO BACK?

What Tadano sees

PITCH BLACK

ARE... YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?

!

I M-MUST PRO-TECT HER !!

Trying to hold back laughter

KOMI'S SHAKING!

SHAKE

?!

?!

SHAKE

SHAKE

SHAKE

Trying ***hard*** to hold back laughter

I'M WITH YOU, S-SO...

KOMI? UM...

TADUMMMMM
Kon-jac jelly
WOBBLE
JIGGLE
?!
JIGGLE
Y-you're s-safe with me.
S-so, uh...
WOBBLE
KISS
Tadano's first kiss
WHOOOOAAAAA
...!!

SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
?!!
?!!
WHAT DID YOU JUST DO?!
W-WAH! K-KOMI ?!
W...

...
...

Tadano prepared to make a move.
Bwa ha!
KOMI ...

HM?

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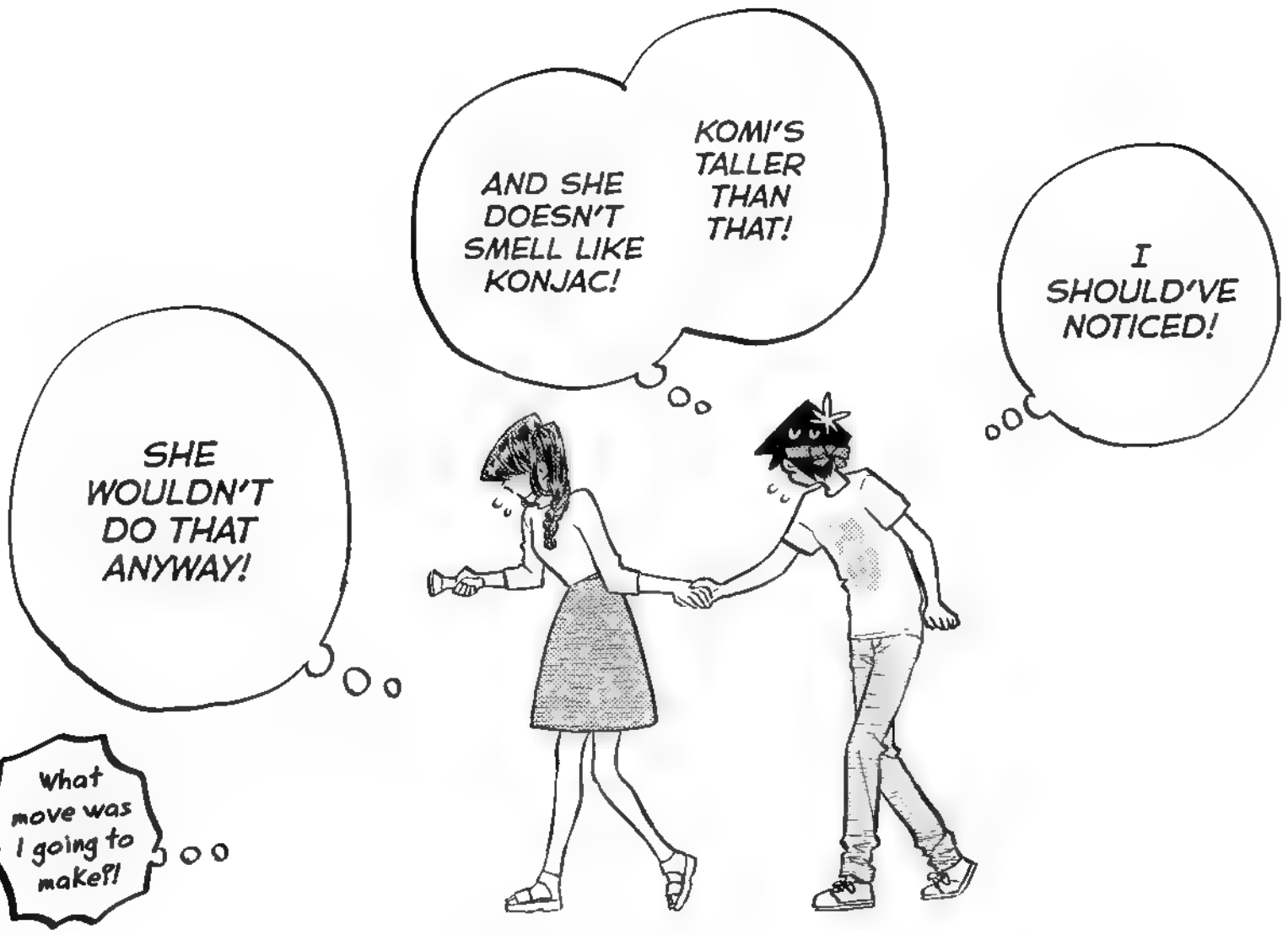
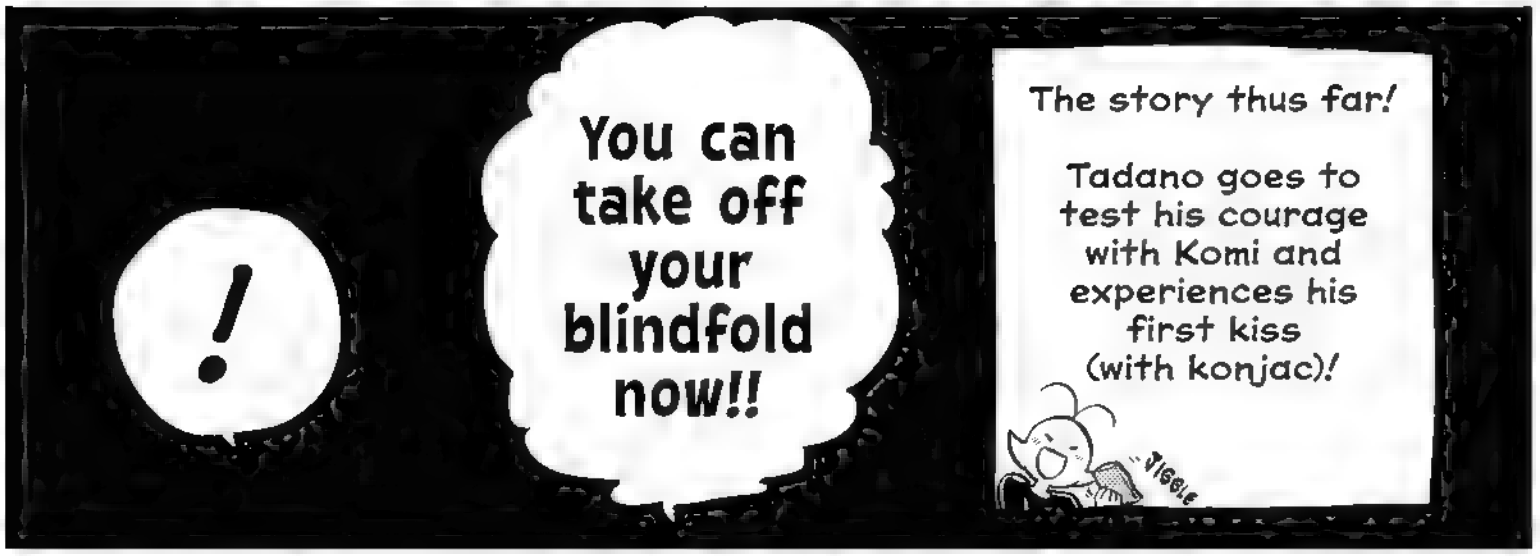

KOMI'S TALLER THAN THAT!
AND SHE DOESN'T SMELL LIKE KONJAC!
I SHOULD'VE NOTICED!
SHE WOULDN'T DO THAT ANYWAY!
What move was I going to make?!

Komi Can't Communicate

Komi Can't Communicate


!
You can take off your blindfold now!!
The story thus far!
Tadano goes to test his courage with Komi and experiences his first kiss (with konjac)!
TIGGLE

Communication 181: Test of Courage, Part 2

Have fun!

Manbagi & Tadano

...

...

...

SILENCE

SILENCE

...

?

YOU LIKE HORROR, SO YOU MUST BE GOOD AT THIS.

GYAH!!

TAP

MANBAGI?

OH, S-SORRY.

SRA

D-DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!

AH...

W-WHAT THE?!

D...

MANBAGI, ARE YOU SCARED?

HOW CAN YOU BE *SURE* ?!

NO, I DOUBT THAT, SO-

BUT WE MIGHT *DIE* OUT HERE!!

DON'T TEASE ME!! MOVIES PROVIDE A LITTLE THRILL, SO THEY'RE *FUN!*

S-SORRY ...

GRRR

?!

FLINCH

KYAIEE!!
(HIGH-PITCHED)

RUSTLE

WHSH

W-W-W-W-WHAT WAS THAT?!

I'M TOO SCARED !!

I CAN'T DO THIS!!

SHUDDER SHUDDER

KYAAH! I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE!

!

M

CHOCO

?!

FWOOSH

WHY'RE YOU CLINGING TO ME?!

GRRR

N-NO, I CAN'T ...

HERE'S THE SEAL.

NOW WE JUST GO BACK.

RUSTLE

!!!
!!!
!!!
...kk kk...
Urr rggg ...
THIS MUST BE NAJIMI'S TRICK.
J-JUST STAY CALM, MANBAGI.
Why are you running?
Komi ?!
THIS MUST BE WHY KOMI RAN!!
IS SHE CRYING ?!
SOB!
SOB!
SOB!
IT WON'T HURT US.

B-BUT MAYBE WE SHOULD RUN!!

GRARRR

DON'T CRY!

HUH?

NO...

!!

POTTER WOBBLE

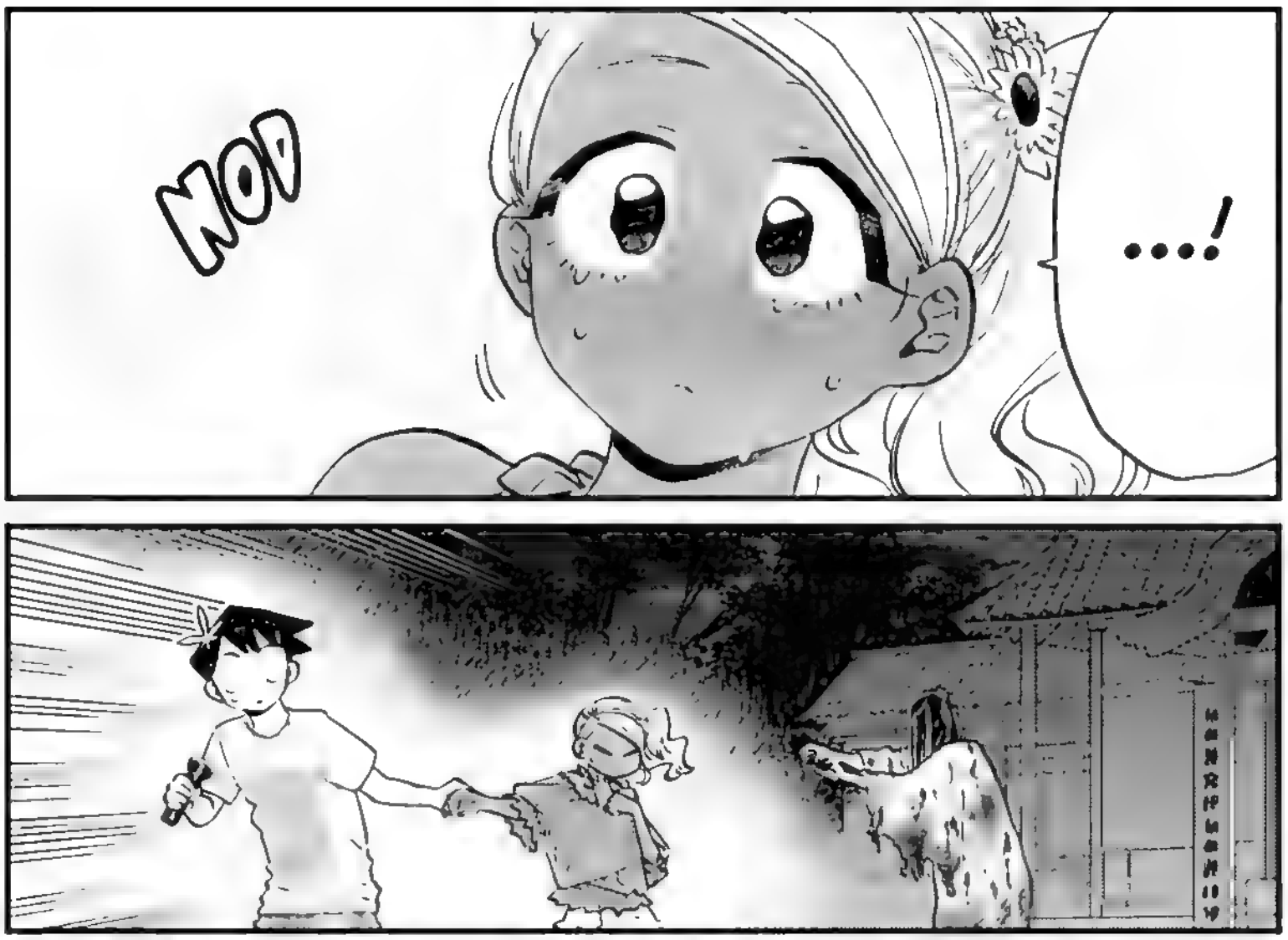
STAGGER STAGGER

NO, DON'T LEAVE MEEEEE!

TCH

...AND I'LL LEAD YOU BACK.

JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES...


NOD
...!

?!
GRARRR
?!
GROARR

?!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

SHWAAAH

?!

RRWWWW

SHWA

?!

Peek

...!
BABHP
...

Hey, you made it back!!!
HUFF
HUFF
BURN FIRE!
Good job!

NOD NOD

!!

!!

GLOMMP

WAAAH!! KOMIII! I WAS SO SCAAARED !!

ME? DO SOME-THING?

BURN. FIRE!

NAJIMI... WHAT...

...DID YOU DO?!

GRAB GRAB

NAJIMI ?!

Behind you!!

YES! YOU–

N

HEH...

AH HA HA!

TADUMMMMMM

?!

GOTCHA!

YOU GOT PUNKED !!

THE WHOLE CLASS IS HERE?

SHLUF SHLUF

THE SLEEPOVER WAS COVER FOR A CLASS 2-1 SOCIAL!!

MS. OMOJIRI TOO?!

Ms. Omojiri, class 2-1's assistant teacher (see communication 158)

RUSTLE

EVEN MIWA HELPED OUT!

...

S-SORRY.

Not exactly pleased

...

YAHOOO

Barbecue back at Katai's! Roll out!!

BWA BWA BWA BWA BWA BWA BWA

...

WELCOME TO OUR HOME! EAT UP!

...

WHAT'S HIS MOUTH DOING?

A YAKUZA WIFE?

HE'S GLARING AT US...

SCARY ...

Totoi Katai (Brother)

SHWAAAH

?!

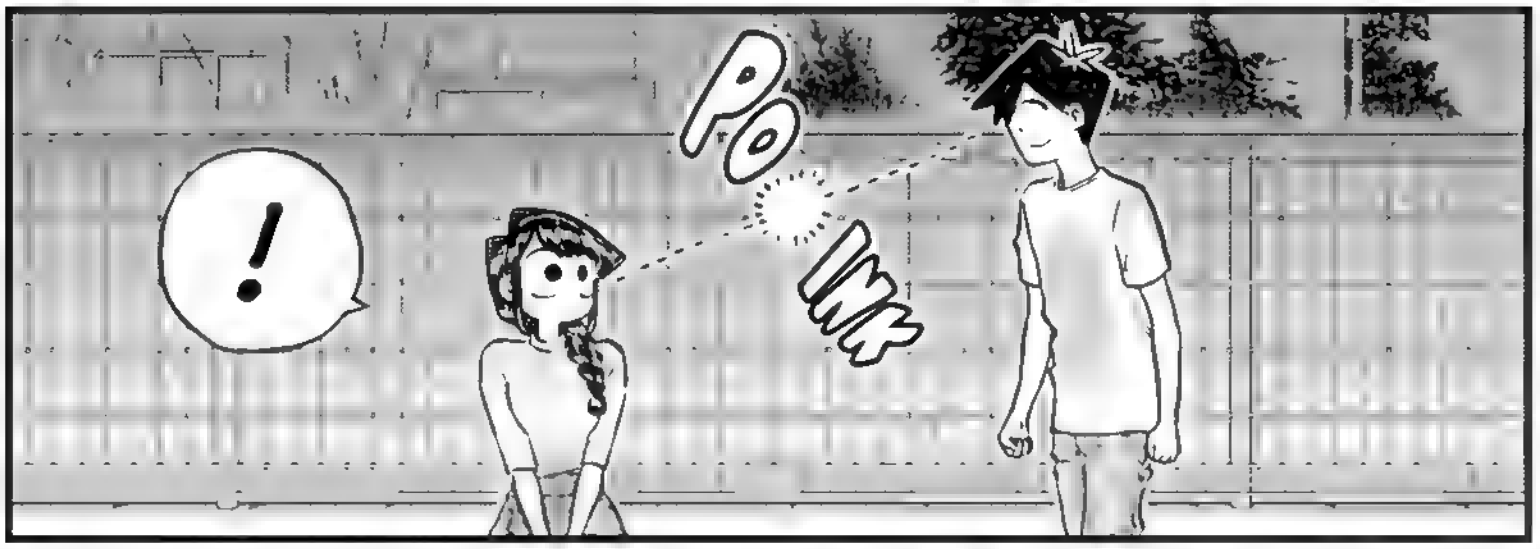
KATAI, KOMETANI, NARUSE AND ASE ARE OKAY.

Phew...

YOU SOUND LIKE MY MOM!
Kaname Bodo
I'M NOT YOUR MOM!
Masuko Fuwa
HERE! HAVE SOME VEGGIES!
Shuki Ohai
Didn't achieve her objective
I DIDN'T TOUCH EITHER KOMI'S OR MANBAGI'S BOOBS!
Achieved her objective
Shizuka Odoka
I TH-THINK I SCARED KOMI THIS TIME!!

WE GOT BEER, TEACH!
BEER? NO! AS AN EDUCATOR ENTRUSTED WITH THE CARE OF THE CHILDREN, I MUSTN'T CONSUME ALCOHOL! BUT HE'S OFFERING IT, SO... NO, NO, NO!
Miwa Omojiri
I'M SO T-TIRED ...

KRK SCRIBBLE SKRK SKRK SKRK SKRK SKRK
Saku Fushima
KATANO?!
I CAME TO SEE SOME KATANO ACTION, BUT NOTHING HAPPENED!
I'M BEHIND ON DRAWING MY MANGA FOR COMIC CON!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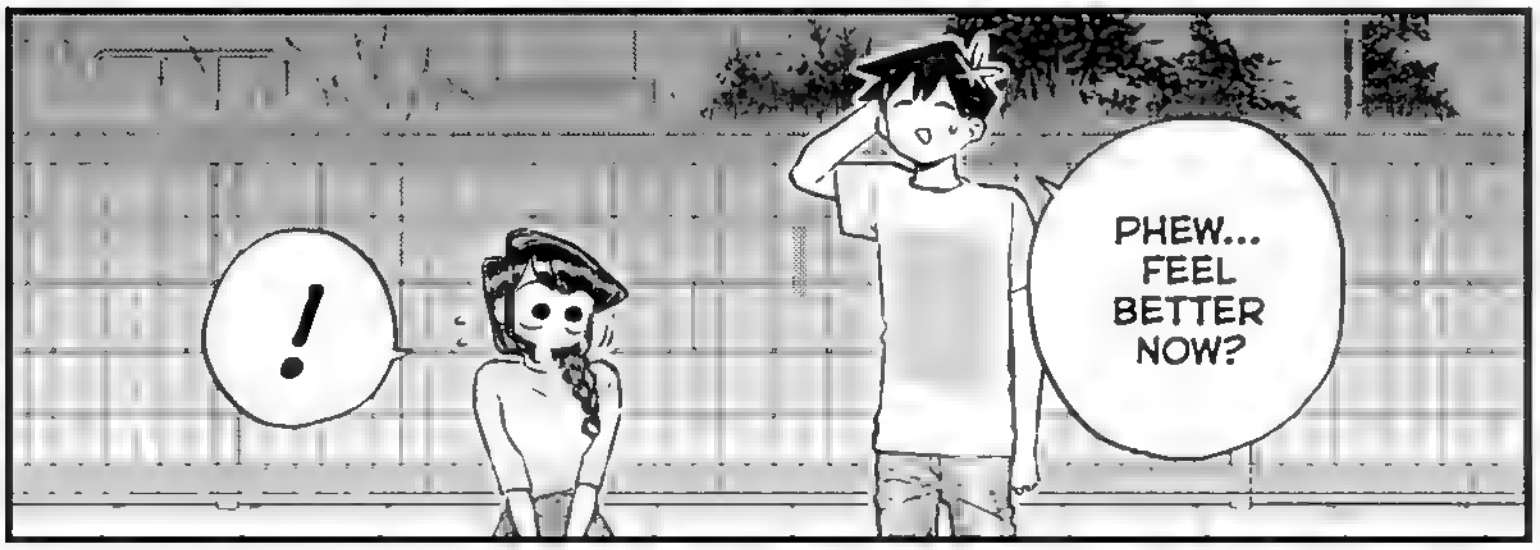
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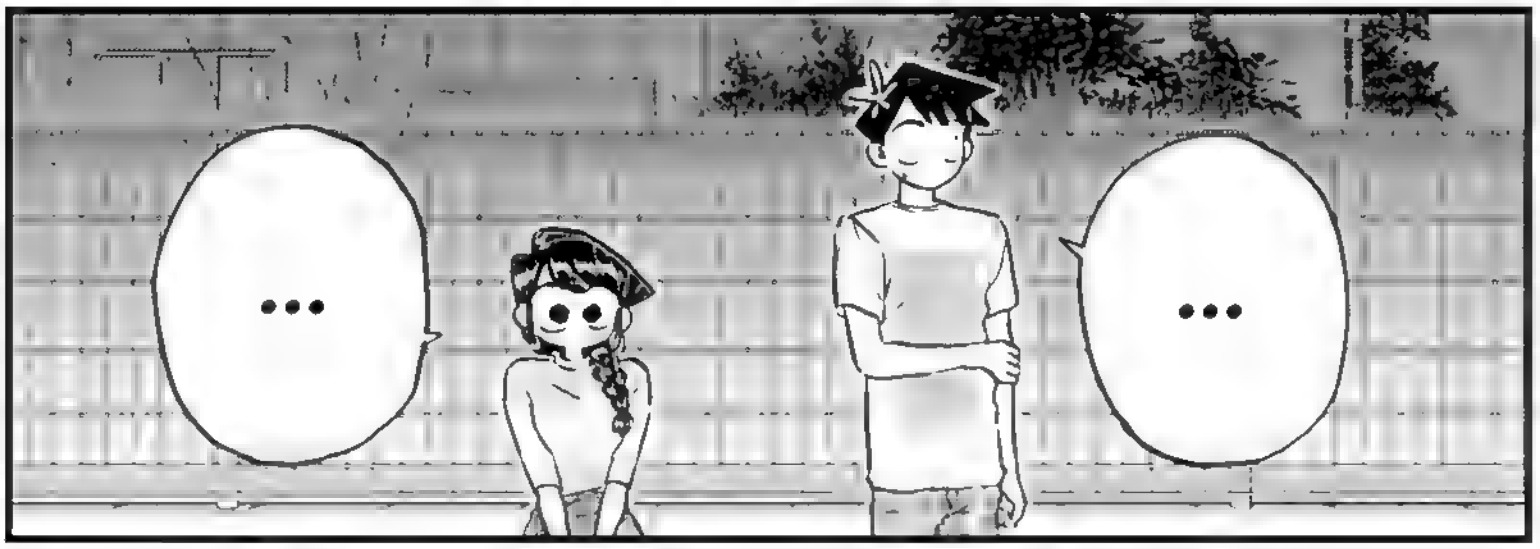
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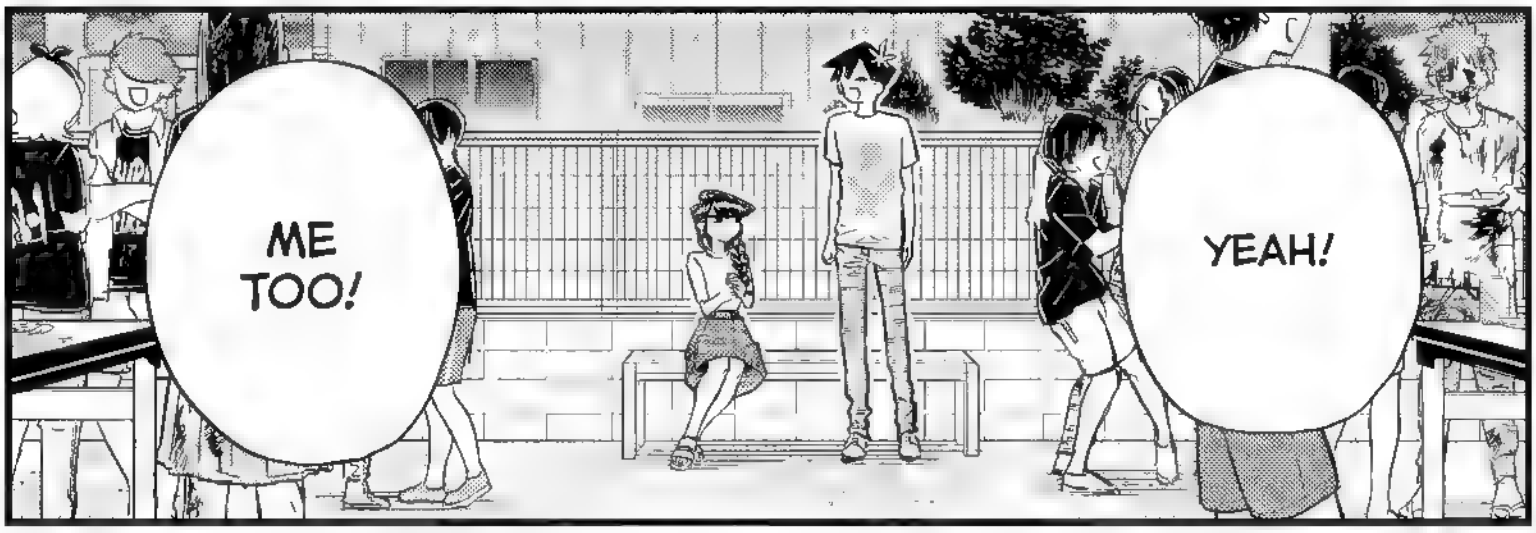
TAK TAK
!

22 23
Sub
THAT WAS SCARY BUT I'M THANKFUL FOR THE EFFORT EVERYONE PUT INTO IT
WE HAVE AN INTERESTING CLASS FULL OF GREAT PEOPLE AGAIN THIS YEAR SO I LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING NEW FRIENDS.

FORT EVERYONE
PUT INTO IT.
WE HAVE AN INTERESTING CLASS FULL OF GREAT PEOPLE AGAIN THIS YEAR, SO I LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING NEW FRIENDS.

...!


ME TOO!
YEAH!

!!

GACK

SHALL WE GO TALK TO EVERY-ONE?

HMPH

Maybe it's too soon?

They swooshed to a distance.

SWO OSH

KOMI'S COMING! CLEAR A PATH!

?!

...

TREMMMBLE

...

!

Communication 181 — The End

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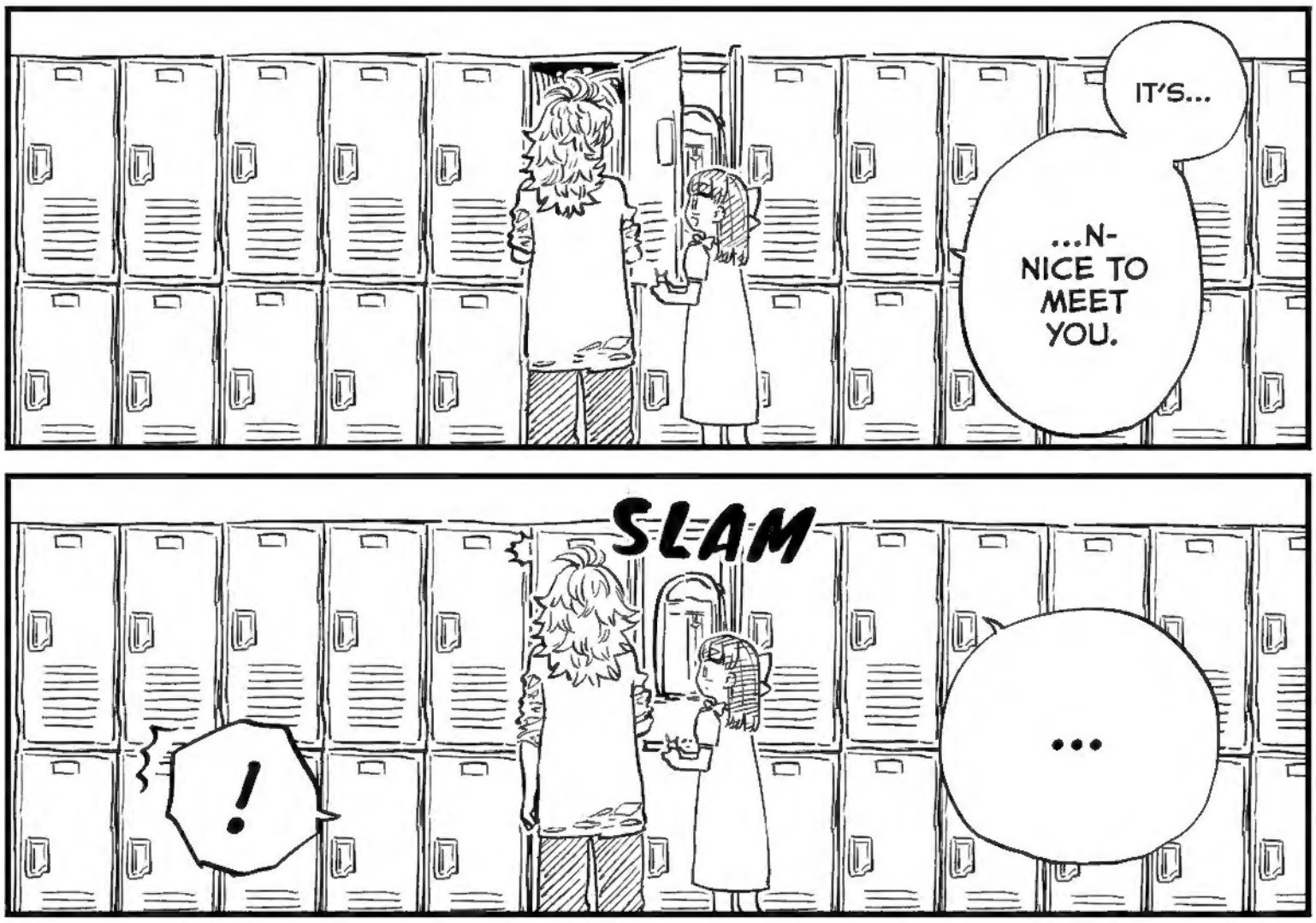
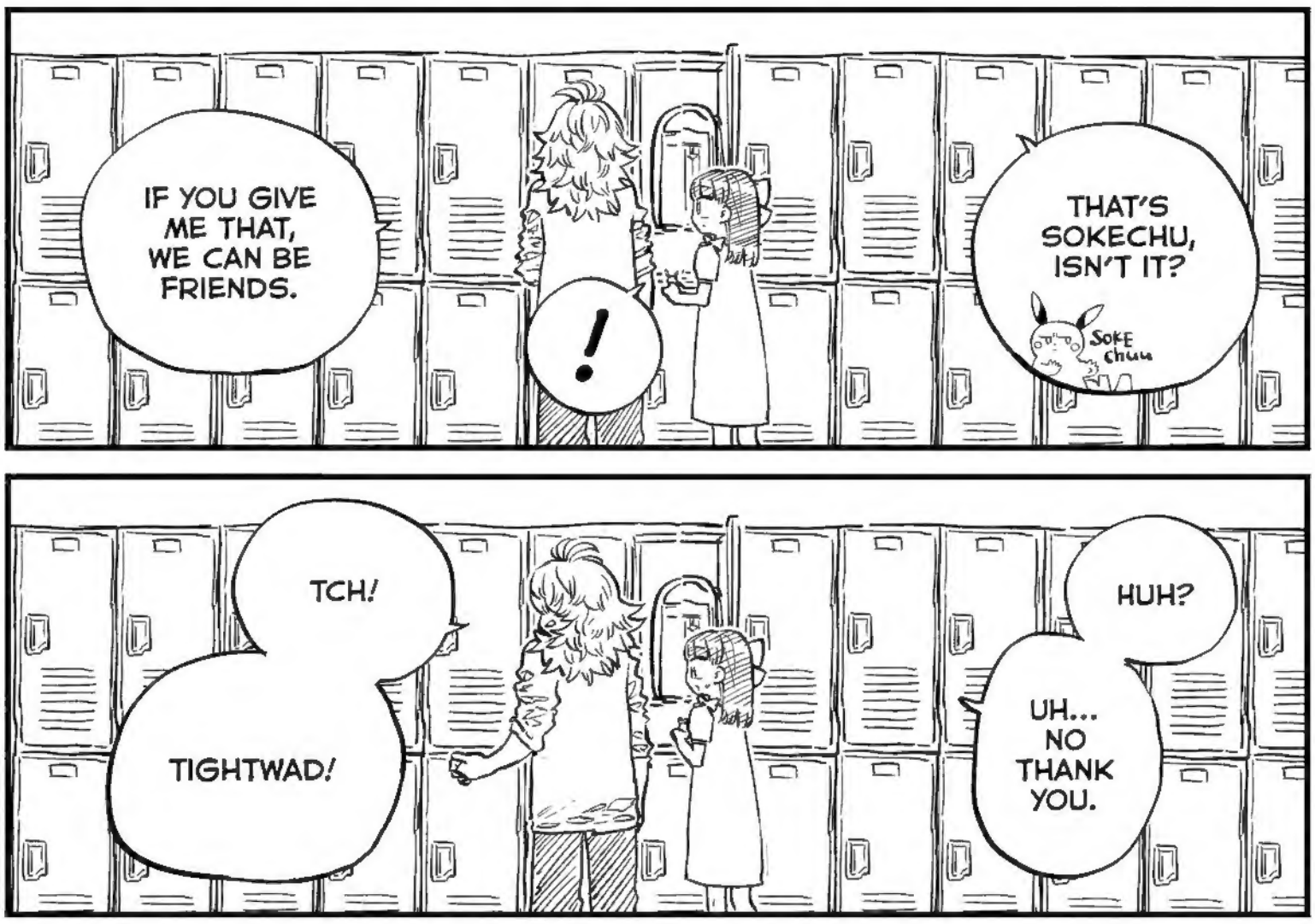
Komi Can't Communicate Bonus

Can Rei Make a Hundred Friends? America, Land of the Free





Extremely foul language.

GO GET [redacted], [redacted] YOU [redacted] ROTTEN [redacted]!

HAW HAW HAW

THEN YOU SUCK. SO BEAT IT!

?!

Doesn't understand a word

Thinks the student is showing her to the classroom

TMP TMP TMP

?

They didn't immediately become friends.

ARGH! STOP BUGGIN' ME!

...?

Thinks they need to hurry

HUNH?! STOP FOLLOWIN' ME!

Issued the challenge but is already falling behind

Currently, Komi has 42 friends.

She contacted them all before leaving.

And apologized for being standoffish.

Currently, Rei has 42 friends.

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